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OLD WILMINGTON.

WRITTEN BY JAMES GOWING OF MEDFORD.

My boyhood's home to thee I sing
And gladly would a tribute bring
Whose every note thy praise should ring,
Old Wilmington.

In youth I loved you—love thee still
With warmer zeal and stronger will,
Thy name it gives my heart a thrill,
Old Wilmington.

I love that Church with high, square pews
Where first I heard the gospel news,
Was urged the better way to choose,
Old Wilmington.

Another house adorns the place,
Another voice proclaims free grace,
Yet for the old my heart finds space,
Old Wilmington.

Although to that remaining true
My memory keeping it in view
A fervent love I give the new,
Old Wilmington.

I loved each quiet woodland scene,
Thy limpid brooks and meadows green,
Thy shady nooks and air serene,
Old Wilmington.

I loved those swamps where berries grew
Which oft I rambled through and through
And ate the fruit till tinted blue,
Old Wilmington.

I loved those ponds and sluggish streams
Where I have fished for pouts and breams,
And there indulged in boyish dreams,
Old Wilmington.

Your melon patches took my eye
And here's a fact I can't deny,
I've paid them visits on the sly,
Old Wilmington.

My tender conscience said 'twas wrong
But appetite would urge along,
And that we know is fierce and strong,
Old Wilmington.

When Adam fell from his estate
'Twas owing to the fruit he ate,
So boys conclude that 'tis their fate,
Old Wilmington.

I loved that path through field and wood
Where I in bashful awe have stood
To see two heads beneath one hood,
Old Wilmington.

A struggle brief, a loud report,
The gallant lad had won the fort,
With wishful eyes I viewed the spot,
Old Wilmington.

But bliss like that was not for me,
Lost through inherent modesty,
One verdant youth then dwelt in thee,
Old Wilmington.

Near school house old, that path had end,
There I was made to comprehend
What aid to mind a birch can lend,
Old Wilmington.

Although it gave sensations queer
'Twas sure to draw a smart idea
From dullest dunce that might appear,
Old Wilmington.

A scorcher 'twas of keenest kind
The seat of feeling seemed to find
And quickly roused the torpid mind,
Old Wilmington.

The boys in seats against the wall,
Excepting one, seemed roguish all
But seats just front, I now recall
Old Wilmington.

The maidens sat, demure, serene,
Yet often times how changed the scene
When short clipped pates mixed in between,
Old Wilmington.

The master turns with wondering look
What interest then 'those scholars took
For each seemed bound to eat his book,
Old Wilmington.

And there they sat with eyes cast down
Ne'er heeding Master's smile or frown,
Who, flushed or pale, was always Brown,
Old Wilming on.

I loved that school, and teachers too
But oh those girls! what could I do?
Poor modest I could ne'er say boo,
Old Wilmington.

Though that was years and years ago
The weakness ne'er could I outgrow,
But still am timid, bashful, slow,
Old Wilmington.

The singing school, I loved it well
Though not a note from my lips fell,
Yet why I went I'll never tell,
Old Wilmington.

Some folks may guess, "so mote it be,"
Perhaps they may a reason see
Without a word or hint from me,
Old Wilmington.

But here, just here, let me observe
I lacked the tact, the vim, the nerve
That might on such occasions serve,
Old Wilmington.

Consider how that lad must feel
Whose tongue his heart cannot reveal,
Whose eyes alone make mute appeal,
Old Wilmington.

Who stands abashed with blushing face
And shuns the good he would embrace,
While bolder spirits usurp the place,
Old Wilmington.

I reckoned him a happy boy
Who gave his blarney full employ
And favor found with maidens coy,
Old Wilmington.

Who had the nerve to steal a kiss,
Who never took rebuffs amiss,
But persevered till gained the bliss,
Old Wilmington.

Now some may sneer and call me fool
For telling tales when out of school
Which seems to be against the rule,
Old Wilmington.

Yet there's no malice in my rhyme
So think it not a heinous crime
To thus recall the bygone time,
Old Wilmington.

Those days have passed to ne'er return
Yet memory will sweet incense burn,
And I their perfume still discern,
Old Wilmington.

My song of life has tones of pain
Yet echoes, clear from youth's refrain,
Ring out in age to charm again,
Old Wilmington.

Though long and far my feet may stray
My heart is true to thee alway
And would its richest tribute pay,
Old Wilmington.

Should I o'er earth a pilgrim roam
Or dwell at ease 'neath palace dome
One place alone can seem like home,
Old Wilmington.

My thought will ever turn to thee,
How e'er my life conditioned be,
For still in dreams my home I see,
Old Wilmington.

Thou art my Mecca! here I'd rest
My "Land of Beulah" dearest, best,
My love for thee stands forth contest,
Old Wilmington.

The Stoic's creed I never learned
So here I weep o'er dust inurned
Most precious dust to dust returned,
Old Wilmington.

This boon I ask, yea, even crave
When God shall take the life he gave,
To find within thy breast a grave,
Old Wilmington.

Although my race is nearly run
I neither name nor fame have won,
Yet count me not a graceless son,
Old Wilmington.

O may thy sons ne'er bring thee shame
But in their hearts enshrine thy name,
And by their deeds enhance thy fame,
Old Wilmington.

May thy fair daughters' virtues glow
Like purest light or whitest snow,
And crown thee with a bright halo,
Old Wilmington.

Each loyal son should homage pay,
Each daughter twine with garlands gay
And keep thy memory green for aye,
Old Wilmington.

May'st thou with vigor soon arise
To all that's true in enterprise
And find the good that thrift implies,
Old Wilmington.

May peace her mantle o'er thee spread,
May plenty here her bounty shed
And honor be with thee imbred,
Old Wilmington.

May naught but good e'er spring from thee
So that thy name may truly be
A synonym for purity,
Old Wilmington.

And as the tide of years shall flow
May prospering breezes o'er thee blow
And all thy graces sweeter grow,
Old Wilmington.

May righteousness in thee abide,
And though thy children scatter wide
Be this their glory and their pride,
Old Wilmington.

O may their eyes toward thee return
A stronger love within them burn
And cause their hearts for home to yearn,
Old Wilmington.

And now, adieu! dear home of mine,
May God's sweet smile upon thee shine,
His presence dwell with thee and thine,
Old Wilmington.

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YE OLDE WILMINGTON HISTORY

REMINISCENCES OF THE BEGINNINGS OF THE TOWN

THE MEETING HOUSE REPAIRED

The year 1762, saw the end of the second French wars. And in 1764, the Wilmington people had become dissatisfied with their meeting-house. Its builders had grown old and died, and the younger people wanted something up with the times. Besides the population of the town had increased more room. As usual it took some time to come to any agreement. The first vote appears May 21, 1764,—"to a new shingle and clapboard the meeting-house, to put in new windows, the glass seven by nine (instead of the diamond panes) also 'new doors,' and 'as many pews as the house will admit of;' "

If you had been coming along the road from the northeast some bright morning early in 1765, you would have seen, instead of the black, square, barn-like, edifice of a year ago, a new-looking structure of decidedly oblong shape, all resplendent in light yellow, with large sized square panes. The walls had been newly plastered; new pews line the four sides, paneled and topped off with small balusters; and three pews on each hand front you as you stand in the middle doorway, leaving room for four rows of benches between them and the aisle running past the pulpit. Looking up, the fresh ceiling is disfigured with the old braces. Most of the gallery front is brown with thirty-two years' exposure; but twelve feet of it are of the color of the pews. Two of them however, near the pulpit, look old, like most of the gallery.

THE PERIOD OF THE REVOLUTION

Let it ever be borne in mind that the Massachusetts Colony originated in the feeling of English Puritans that the liberty to practice the true religion was not secure in England. They feared a return of prelacy, and of Romanism, its elder sister. Hence the deep resolve that there should be another England across the water, where the true faith should be safe from assault. But it might be safe, the political right of the colony, secured by its charter, must be maintained. Let it ever be remembered, that this purpose, deliberately adopted by John Winthrop and those who acted with him, formed the very central principle and was the actual vital force of the whole movement. It was in the hearts of all the people. The original charter had been taken away, October 23, 1864 and the rights secured by it had been cut down; but every measure of the crown for repression, however, successful, and only intensified the determination of the colony to maintain its essential freedom. It had fought every inch of the ground, and this struggle had kept its purpose strong and fierce. During the French and Indian wars all questions of this nature were necessarily out of sight.

On Monday, the 19th of September, 1768, the records give us the first note of the approaching struggle—six years and a half before the Battle of Lexington—in the election of Mr. Paul Cook, a committeeman to serve at a convention to be held at Boston, Thursday, the 22nd; and also to a vote. That the town do highly approve of the votes and proceedings of the town of Boston, and do return them their thanks." Thus it was that the Town of Wilmington launched its raft upon the rapids of rebellion. It was deliberately and decisively done, and never has the town repented its act.

In March, '72, there seem to be school-houses in the "Nod" district in Mr. Walker's and Jacquith's, and over by Buck's and Eames', but in the south the school is to be held at or near the house of Samuel Butters, Jr.

The year '73 opens with a sound of public commotion, the town holding a special meeting on Thursday, the 28th of January, at which a "committee appointed to examine the public grievances" made a report which occupies a little over one page of the records

REMINISCENCES

OF WILMINGTON

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Continuation

In August, 1760, two young men—Ephraim Buck, 29 years old, and Nathan, who was only 16—had been spending the forenoon in mowing in the meadows a short distance above where the bridge now stands, this side of "the city". They were sons of Ephrim, the grandfather of Mr. Benjamin Buck, who is with us todaf. At 12:00 o'clock thef went home to dinner. When they came back they saw their windrows had been disturbed. They thought this was queer; for there were no cattle about. But looking narrowly, they startled to find the tracks and the leavings of a bear. He must be still near. Instantly they ran home to get their dogs and guns and rouse the neighbors. They were soon ready and off for the woods and the bushes. Old Mr. Ephraim himself was out with his ancient queen's arm loaded with two bullets. A neighbor went with him. The old man seated himself at the roots of the tree since known as the "Bear Oak", and the neighbor stationed himself farther this way (north-west), not very far from Mr. Pierce's place. Meanwhile the boys and the dogs were ranging the thickets, and not in vain; for it was not very long before the old man saw something stirring, 25 rods away, among the bushes. He cocks his gun and sees that the yriming is right and eagerly watches. Directly the bear shows himself, evidently somewhat disturbed at the noises in his rear. He comes forward towards the brook, and put his fore-paws up on a hassock, which was so high that it exposed him, a very fair mark. He had doubtless just spied enemies on that side also, when the boys in the bushes behind heard their father's gun, and the old man, standing up, saw that the bear had disappeared. Who got to him first I do not know ,but whoever did found him stone dead. The distance must have been some 20 rods; but one bullet had gone to his heart and one was lodged in the "heart-skirst". He weighed, when dressed, 30 pounds a quarter, and his live weight must have been over 250 pounds. Tradition has it very clearly that that gun was loaded with two balls. But every true-born son of Wilmington will forever believe, and against all odds will testify, any records to the contrary notwithstanding,

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Buck's shot, and his name was Ephraim.

Only one other instance of the appearance of a bear has been mentioned to me. Mr. William Boutwell tells me that his grandfather, when crossing the brook near his house, was surprised to see one getting over the wall on the east of the road, with her cub, and then crossing the road and disappearing in the bushes on the west. In 1730, this animal must have been more frequently seen. A small hill, about a quarter of a mile this side of Mr. Boutwell's, near Mr. Dowd's, used to be known as Bear's Hill.

The early records contain many accounts of the laying out and also of the discontinuance of roads. Those first travelled went around the swamps when possible, and were very crooked. The changes, which have been many and often great, were mostly straightening and shortening by measn of causeways. Many of them must have furnished fragrant and delightful summer drives, all embossomed as they were in pine-woods; but were dark when the nights were cloudy, somewhat late in geeting rid of their snow in the spring, and sandy and soft afterwards. On the whole, they must be regarded as pleasanter for young people than now, longer and harder for horses.

Wilmington took 43 tax-payers from Woburn; how many from Reading I have not been able to learn. If 20, then the population probably amounted to three or four hundred.

We still have houses in the town which give a good idea of many that were standing then.

In the extreme north, the place now occupied by Mr. E. C. Stockwell, close upon the Andover line, was once the property of a family named Jones. It seems to be of considerable age.

The eastern part, at least, of the house now occupied by Mrs. James Pearson, dates back to the beginning of the town. The frame was covered with inche and a hilf plank, and filled in with brick. The form of the house as a whole, however, has been greatly altered. Probably the original dwelling was very much smaller than the present. Many of the earlier houses were not plastered within, for lack of lime, and the planks and bricks were for protection against both the weather and the Indians.

Far up in this same land of Nod, you all remember that other very hospitable-looking old place, also a large square house, with its open green and great elms. That belonged originally to Stanleys—a name that has disappeared.

The Upton place, near by, marks the spot where another name, rich, surviving here only as a Christian name once had its home.

A smaller house, the original form of which can be distinguished, in spite of the change from a gambrel to a sloping roof, now occupied by Mr. Holt, was raised July 4, 1776, and though 46 years younger than the town, is an example of houses of the olden time. Similar to this is the one now occupied by Deacon Levi Manning, which also is old.

The farm now owned by Mr. Silas Brown embraces part of the land belonging, a 150 years ago, to Samuel Dummer, Esq. Mr. Dummer's house stood at the foot of the hill, in the rear, north of the barn, and near the road to North Reading, which then curved round the hill on its western and northern sides so as to cross the brook where the present road crosses it, near the saw-mill. The old apple-trees, still to be seen, are said to have stood just behind or at the end of the house, which probably fronted the south.

Mr. Brown's house was built, 85 years ago, by Col. Joshua Harnden.

A Harnden lived on the top of the hill, west of Mr. Samuel Gowing's. Still earlier, in 1796, John Harnden occupied a house "about 60 rods from this spot," with his wife and eight children. Some ndians had been attacking Dunstable. Five of them came down to this house one night, when Mr. Harnden was away, entered through the roof, and killed Mrs. Harnden and three of the children. The others hid behind a large rock, but were discovered and carried off, though afterwards rescued by a party of pursuers.

This murderous act is said to have been prompted by a desire of revenge for the death of a drunken squaw accidentally run over by a team near a small pond on the road to Woburn, since known as Squaw's Pond. The cellar and well of John Harnden's house, with the big rock, known as ndian rock, are still to be seen. They are about 60 rods in the rear of the houses of Mr. Morris and Rev. Mr. Buflin.

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Wilmington is a Healthy Town.

The citizens of Wilmington claim for their town, that it is as healthy as any in the State, and we have obtained the following autographs of some of our oldest inhabitants.

Mrs Phebe F Simpson

Mrs. Simpson was born Feb. 26, 1804, in North Reading. Her father was Jethro Kenny of Middleton, and her mother Mehitable Eaton of Reading. She came to Wilmington when the Boston and Lowell railroad was being built, and has lived here ever since. She has been twice married, and has had six children, four of whom are now living. One son died in infancy, while another, George Fred, was killed at the battle of Williamsburg, in May, 1862. Mrs. Simpson has been a widow many years.

Doxan N Carter

Mrs. Doxan N. Carter was born in Reading, June 18, 1806, and has lived in Wilmington since her marriage, April 17, 1828. Her husband died many years ago, since which she has lived in the old homestead with a son, E. Brewster Carter. She has buried two children and has four living. About a year ago Mrs. Carter fell injuring her hip so severely that she is unable to walk about, but otherwise her health is good. She takes a keen interest in all that is going on, calling for the daily paper as soon as it comes, and reading everything from the political news down.

Mary Boutwell

Mrs. Mary Boutwell was born in Burlington, Mass., July 18, 1810. Has lived in Wilmington since 1834. Except being troubled with failing eyesight, which prevents her reading much, Mrs. Boutwell enjoys excellent health, and still assists about the housework. She is a widow, and still lives on the old place which is now managed by her son Henry.

Phebe M. Nichols

Mrs. Phebe M. Nichols is a native of Wilmington, her father, Abial Carter, owning the farm now owned by Otis Carter—a brother of Mrs. Nichols—at the time of her birth 79 years ago. Her husband died some years ago, but she still lives in the house where 52 years of her life has been spent. She has six children living, five of whom are married, but the new ties have not weakened their love of home and mother in the smallest degree, and visits to the pleasant old homestead are of frequent occurrence, where they are greeted with the loving smile so characteristic of the benign old lady. Mrs. Nichols is proud of the good health which has insured her life, long freedom from pills and potions, and kept her from requiring the services of a physician, which, while financially beneficial to her must have proved rather detrimental to that rapid acquirement of wealth all medicoes are supposed to yearn for.

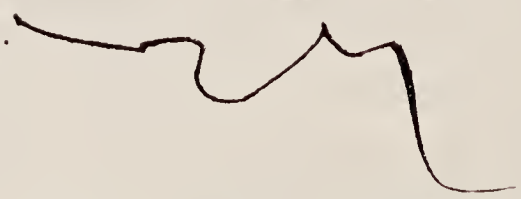
Hiram Bancroft

Mr. Bancroft was born February 23, 1808. He claims Reading as his birthplace but has spent the greater portion of his 86 years in Wilmington, his parents moving here when he was about 5 years of age. He has been an active hard working man, going out to his tasks of chopping wood, even up to two or three years ago; he enjoys fairly good health.

Lemuel C. Eames was born in Wilmington, Mass., Dec. 7, 1813. He was the youngest of six children of Nathan and Susanna Harnden Eames. He attended the common schools of Wilmington and completed his education at Phillips Academy, Andover. He afterward taught school in his native town until he commenced life as a farmer. He has been prominent in public affairs, both religious and secular; always ready in debate, possessing sound judgment and genial temperament which enabled him to give valuable advice in the important questions of the day. He has filled various positions of trust in the town, having served many years as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, Town Clerk and School Committee. He has been honored with election to the Legislature three times, in 1850, 1860 and 1871. Failing health for the last ten years has debarred him from public life.

The writer herewith appends his autograph.

Lemuel C. Eames



With these few names of our oldest inhabitants, we offer, to complete the list the rather uncertain autograph of the youngest, who evinced no hesitation whatever in favoring us with her autograph when given a pen, and, although of the feminine gender, was apparently perfectly willing all the world should know her age which is about 1 month.

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REMINISCENCE OF WILMINGTON, MASS.

[*Contributed to the Massachusetts Ploughman*]

In the northerly part of the town of Wilmington, may be seen an antiquated house now called "The Flint House," from the name of a former owner. It was built more than a century ago. It has long been known by Mr. Silvester Carter, the present owner, as well as by many other inhabitants of the town, that one of the lights over the front door was a pane of glass with an inscription upon its external surface, made with a diamond or other hard substance. In 1760, George the Third appointed Sir Francis Bernard Governor of Massachusetts.

This dignitary made himself conspicuous by his determined opposition to such measures as were adopted for the welfare of the colony. Finally in 1768, he went so far as to dissolve the Assembly of Massachusetts.

The British Parliament also urged the King to direct the Governor of Massachusetts Bay to make strict inquiries as to all *treasons* committed in that Province since the year 1767, in order that such persons might be arrested, and sent to England for trial. In this again Bernard made himself odious to the people; and after having vainly endeavored to reduce the colony to submission, he was recalled in 1769.

The people of Wilmington appears to have received a visit from the Governor, during the very month in which he was called home to England. It is supposed the object of this visit was to look after so called treasonable persons who failed to see the justice of *taxation without representation*.

It was doubtless a patriotic impulse caused by such a Gubernatorial visit which dictated the inscription that has for more than a century been displayed to passers by from above the door, and which reads:

"August 2d, 1769 the infamas Governer left our town."

The pane of glass containing this inscription has finally been removed by its owner, and by his kindness I am now enabled to present it to the Massachusetts Historical Society, with the request that it be kept among its archives as a memorial for the Commonwealth.

SAMUAL A. TOOTHAKER.

Our neighboring town of Wilmington has grown in 10 years from 2581 to 4019, an inspiring gain. Its percentage of gain is among the highest in the state. Probably not a little of the gain can be attributed to the development around Silver Lake and the pine forest district, for indications are that a large colony of permanent residents has grown up there. This is reflected in the railroad centre of the town by a striking change in its buildings and in its activity. The use of such locations as the pine woods and the lake vicinity for homes by heretofore urban residents is one of the evident developments of present day ideas of living conditions. Wilmington is a good example of a growing town that is making use of its best appeal to attract population.

Reading Chronicle
5 Jan. 1921

WILMINGTON--YES OR NO

Although Wilmington is only 17 miles from Boston with two major lines and two branches of the Boston and Maine Railroad, the town is practically unknown outside of its boundaries, exepect in the adjacent towns. Silver Lake is better known. To the writer's knowledge two of its progressive women citizens have attended banquets in Boston in connection with the Better Homes movement, at which were representatives from all parts of the state, as well as men and women from other states. When the Wilmington, Massachusetts, women were called upon to make a report of progress they were placed in the embrassing position of finding the town was unknown.

The writer of this article requently has occasion to send telegrams to his home from distant places and it is amusing to watch the expression on the faces of the telepgraph clerk, to say nothing of the time lost in waiting for them to look up its location, and finally the ejaculation, "Yes,—it has a telegraph office. Forty cents, please." They know about the well known Wilmingtons of Delaware and North Carolina.

It pays to advertise Palmer, Mass., has a fine striking sign in color illuminated with electric lights. The town is known both by day and night. Why not Wilmington?

There is no better nationally known fruit, both for its value as a table delicacy and its financial return to the orchardist, than the Baldwin apple. Wilmington is its home, it is associated historically with the Middlesex Canal, deriving its name from Col. Loammi Baldwin, Revolutionary hero, engineer and statesman, who discovered the apple while surveying the line of the Middlesex Canal, the first, if not the earliest of the country's artificial waterways connecting Boston and Lowell. The Rumford Historical Association thought well enough of its history to erect a tablet near the site of the original tree in the south part of this town, near the South School.

Why not place a large sign board in a conspicuous place adjacent to the western and southern divisions of the railroad with a replica in color of the Balwin Apple Monument in one corner, then the words WILMINGTON. THE HOME OF THE BALDWIN APPLE, VISITORS WELCOME.

The Baldwin apple is well known, the fact that this is its home will interest a multitude of travellers passing through by train and motor. This idea may furnish food for thought for the merchant, as well as those interested in the sale of real estate.

Such a sign, however, should be designed so as to be a work of art, and not just a sign board.

A. Chandler Manning,
Landscape Architect.

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Wilmington Or Hoptown?

It is proven that Wilmington was on the map long before the present time, but instead of its being notorious for its murders, bank robberies and other types of misdemeanors, was famous for certain resources. We all know that the Baldwin apple was originated in this town, and this type of apple is at present classed by many as the best apple grown. This is only one of the Towns contributions to the agricultural world. In the period from 1806 to about 1850, Wilmington fathered an agricultural product that nearly changed its name. At that time, Wilmington was known as Hoptown because of the fact that hops were grown in large quantities, and were Wilmington's foremost agricultural product. It was discovered that, with requisite care, hops could be successfully grown here, and in a short time, a hop-growing epidemic struck the town. Every farmer in Wilmington had a hop yard which he appraised as being his principal source of income and ultimate wealth because of the high prices and ready money for that product.

The hop-growing progressed so well here that surrounding towns took up the call, and purchased roots from hop growers in Wilmington. This sudden growth in that industry spread through the New England States, and extended into New York State. In the period between 1806 and 1837, there were inspected at Charlestown, 76,860 bags of hops weighing 16,467,182 pounds, which is proof enough that the growing of this particular commodity was done on a large scale. The prices varied during that period from thirty-five cents per pound to five cents per pound, the highest price being in 1817 and the lowest in 1819. The total value to the hops inspected during this period amounted to $2,169,430.

At the present time, Wilmington's hop yards have vanished, and not a hint remains of the old industry that at one time kept us on the map. We pass spots every day where hop yards were in evidence not long ago, but the industry faded out so quickly that the younger generation of Wilmington have no knowledge of an industry that contributed much in making the community famous for a short time. Few of the younger members of the town know that Wilmington has contributed so much in the near past.

Probably if the aforementioned product had weathered the storm of overproduction, citizens of today would be reading the Hoptown News.

A nice little bequest affecting one of the towns of our neighborhood is that of $500 made by Chester W. Clark, Boston attorney, to the library of the town of Wilmington in which he had summer residence. An income, say, $25 a year, applicable to purchase of books or subscriptions to magazines is not a large sum but spent thoughtfully, year after year, it aids in placing before the public reading matter from which people can profit. Bequests of similar amount Mr. Clark made to the Congregational and Methodist churches of Wilmington, which can be well used. It is the steady accumulation of these communally owned sums of money, all bearing interest, that gives stability to the institutions of our older New England communities.

Everybody has enjoyed, more or less, reading about the outing at Wilmington of 400 fat men of the United States Fat Men's Club; but those who peruse the medic syndics know that among the stunts and features at Thompson's grove there should have been a serious and sensical talk by a medical man on safe methods of reducing weight. It is very funny to be overweight and thus to get one's picture in the paper as a champion tug-of-war anchor or eater of hot dogs; but the shortening of human life due to unnecessary and undesirable obesity is not at all humorous, even to those who so die before their time.

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WILMINGTON.

WRITTEN BY A. W. BOND FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRIZE.

Where Boston People Can Leave the Rush of Washington Street for Real Unadulterated Country Life.

Today The Record continues the publication of its series of articles on the best town to live in. The list, so far as made up, is given below, and due notice will be given of the other towns which are to follow. Remember, that the vote is to be sent in when the list is completed, by cutting out the title of the article from the paper, enclosing it to The Record, directed "The Record, Boston, Mass., The Best Town to Live In." See to it that your own town is voted for and makes a good showing in this competition, which has attracted attention everywhere.

Dec. 10. Concord.
Dec. 12. Melrose.
Dec. 13. Lincoln.
Dec. 14. Winthrop.
Dec. 15. W. Newton.
Dec. 16. Old Medford.
Dec. 17. Hyde Park.
Dec. 19. Arlington.
Dec. 20. Quincy.
Dec. 21. Wellesley Hills.
Dec. 22. Jamaica Plain.

WILMINGTON, Nov. 11.—To the lover of the beautiful in nature, her free, pure air, her rippling streams unobstructed by the noisy factory or other evidences of business bustle, it is usually necessary to go back into some undeveloped section; far from the busy cities, far beyond the "haunts of men." There, you say, and only there, can be found congenial spots; there only can you find the uninterrupted delights of sylvan groves and pastoral pleasures.

How little do you imagine, that, almost at your very door, so near in reality, that a half hour or so on the train will deposit you and your bundles in dreamland, in Wilmington, where Rip Van Winkle might have slept his years away——.

Talk about "primeval forests" and the "tangled brake"—no need to make extensive and expensive tours in search of them, for they are to be had at so much per acre, not foot, in Wilmington.

A FEW LAND GRABBERS.

Don't by any means think that I am speaking of some new discovered territory on which the squatter can build his log house or the veteran presents his claim; but for a fact, while the ever wide reaching arm of modern society has pounced upon almost all of the desirable localities for rural homes, it has in some unaccountable manner entirely overlooked this gem of Middlesex County, possibly owing to the fact that no steps have ever been taken by the good people of Wilmington to attract attention, but, with a clannish feeling of exclusiveness, have rather repelled what few advances have been made in that direction. Here we have an undulating stretch of country, diversified with such a variety of scenic attractions as would charm the artist's eye. The antique mill in ruins picturesque, the ancient house overshadowed by the mighty elm, and, as an effective adjunct, the poetic well-sweep, with the bona fide "old oaken bucket," the "moss-covered bucket," still hanging in the well.

SOME GOOD SHOOTING.

The sportsman, too, can find his feathered game, and the cross-country rider can dispense with the anise-bag and course his hounds with the veritable Reynard for legitimate prey. Now and then a speckled trout may be lured from some dark pool—and from the depths of silver lakes. The black bass will sacrifice his life if the bait be tempting, and the hand that wields the rod firm and cunning.

These are facts, not fancies, and can be easily verified.

BEAUTIFYING THE TOWN.

Our population, which in numbers is very small and scattered, for the most part are "to the manner born," from Puritan stock—and, father and son, have held the old homestead through the vicissitudes of the time since early settlers from Charlestown located in this section, then part of Woburn. No wonder they resent intrusion. But as the younger generation is mingling more with the world it is imbibing the more modern ideas, and is beginning to think of possibilities—of how all these beauties of nature may be enhanced in loveliness by the judicious touches of a master hand. Already a village improvement society has been organized, and unsightly walls and fences are being removed. Lawns are appearing in place of the conventional "yard." Houses are taking on the more decorative style of painting, and while our dear old town has, as yet, no special attractions to offer in the way of concrete walks and ornate public buildings, yet we have the places for them—and very beautiful places they are too—and what is needed here is the cultivated hand of people who, accustomed to the appreciation of art as an accessory to wild nature, can also appreciate the advantages of a position where, if they take the initiative, they can work their own sweet will and be sure of hearty co-operation.

Land can be bought here, suitable for building purposes, in choice locations, for "a song," comparatively.

SCHOOLS AND RAILROADS.

Our schools, at present, are on the "district" principle; but we have a good high school, and a project is now on foot to erect a modern and commodious structure to better house the high school pupils, and also provide for the grade system.

A public library of fair size offers our townspeople an opportunity to cultivate literary tastes. Our churches, two in number, the Congregational and Methodist, are presided over by able representatives of the two different denominations, and exert a wholesome influence and and inculcate correct principles. Our park, or common, recently donated to the town, is neat, well kept and ornamental.

Our facilities for coming and going are ample, it being our good fortune to have the main lines of both the Boston & Maine and the Boston & Lowell railroads pass directly through the town—the central villages lying between the two.

Altogether we have in Wilmington an opportunity, at little cost, for any enterprising man to make his home so near his business in the city, with the advantages of a particularly healthful locality, with plenty of room for the children to grow and wax strong, and lay the foundation for a robust health that will stand them in good stead in after life.

TAXES ARE WAY DOWN.

The rates of taxation are very low, and as the population is almost entirely American, and the rough element in so small a minority as to be hardly noticeable, it seems to me, though of course prejudiced in a measure, *the* spot of all the county to take and mould into a perfect community. For 'tis rare that a twig may not be bent to take almost any inclination in the tree matured. I wish to mention, in closing this article, one spot in North Wilmington of surpassing attraction, and that is the so-called "Elmwood Spring Farm." A large colonial mansion crowns the place, wherein lives a little lady whose silvered locks and kindly face harmonize so well with their quaint surroundings. She will welcome you with delightful hospitality, and tell you that the old house has withstood the storms of many generations, and show you the spring, which to her knowledge has been sparkling and bubbling for over 70 long years, and never for a single moment has its sparkle ceased or its bubbling hesitated. This same dear old lady and her respected brothers, together with a little coterie of charming friends who have been stopping there for the summer from the South and elsewhere, have a hold on my heart which time can never efface, and to them I dedicate the following:—

THE PARTING.

The staunch old house with venerable mien,
The brave old elm with branches wide;
The spacious grounds to pleasure given,
The croquet lawn we leave regretfully behind.
We hie us to the Elmwood Spring
To quaff its waters—crystal pure—
And pledge our friendship in the cup.
Good-bye, we'll wait till summer comes again,
And then renew the happiness of '87.

A. W. BOND.

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THE VILLAGE SCHOOL.

1. We have come to our school-room
With spirits light and gay,
And in search of knowledge
We will pass our time away.

2. We are an association
Convened for learning's sake,
For without an education
We can fill no useful station
'Mid the rising generation
In the Old Bay State.

3. "Try Again!" is our motto,
If in our tasks we fail,
For we know that perseverance
Will o'er obstacles prevail.

4. Now the air around is ringing
With our wild and joyous singing,
As the echoes back are bringing,
Our notes of merry glee.
We are all the village pupils,
And our several names are these:

5. Eunice, Mary, Angelina,
Lizzie, Esther, Jane, Eliza,
Frances, Alice, Clara, Emma,
And Medora, are our names;
We're a band of sisters,
And may we thus remain.

6. Warren, Edward, Henry, Martyn,
Clement, John, George and Milton,
Benjamin, Lawrence, Arthur, Alden,
And Leroy are our names;
We're a band of brothers,
And in union may we live.

7. Now three cheers all together!
Shout for common schools forever,
Shout for blessings on the giver
Till we make the air resound,
And for those who labor for us,
And whose guardian care is o'er us,
We will swell the grateful chorus,
Till the echoes back rebound.

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ADDRESS

Delivered at Sixth Annual Cattle Show and Fair of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Club of Wilmington, and the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of town, Sept. 25, 1880.

BY NATHAN WYMAN, ESQ., OF WOBURN.

Old mother Woburn, to-day, sends greeting to her oldest daughter, Goshen. and with all a mother's fondness and affection, offers her congratulations, that after having successfully struggled through the period of scarlet fever, croup, measeles, and all the other diseases incident to early infancy and childhood, she has arrived at a good old age, hearty in body, sound in mind, with so large a number of fair daughters and stalwart sons to make her future years as prosperous and useful as her former ones have been. All nature seems to have adorned herself with lavish beauty to greet you on this, your 150th birthday. Flowers bloom and shed their richest fragrance, and the golden harvest has yielded bounteously to your industry; thrift, economy, and work, greet the eye in every direction.

Some of the pleasant recollections of my earlier life are connected with your people. I recall with pleasure the happy years when employed in the village store at North Woburn, where it was my privilege to exchange dry goods and groceries for the products of your farms and dairies, while the wearsome hours of leisure and hunger were enlivened with a good supply of "Bond's crackers" thickly spread with butter of the Jaquiths, Carters, Gowings, Blanchards, Fosters, Bucks, Eames and others. We then held an opinion, now universally admitted as correct, that while your town raised excellent men and women, you also made the best crackers and butter in the world.

We do well to celebrate occasions like this. As birthdays of the individual are periods in our personal history when we pause to consider our past lives, and determine how much of success and failures are mixed with the receeding years, so to-day we forget for awhile the noise of political strife, the hurry of business and labor, to pay our tribute of respect and reverence to these noble men who laid broad and deep the foundation of American civilization. The trials and perplexities of these early pioneers can hardly be realized by us who to-day look round upon thriving villages and well cultivated fields, where was then a wilderness, such as only men strong in purpose and earnest in faith could subdue.

I honor these men not because I believe in all their doctrines or sympatise with their harshness, but they believing that they were God's people chosen to do a mighty work, also believed in themselves, and dared be true to their convictions.

But as I did not intend to make a speech I brought with me the first volume of the Records of Woburn, intending, if agreeable to you, to give some idea of the contents of one of the most curious and valuable records in Massachusetts.

After reading from Town orders, he proceeded to read from the records:

"On the 6 of 7 mo., 1640, Noble captain Sedgwick, ensign Palmer, Thos. Lines, Edward Johnson, Edward Converse, John Mousall and others went to where the bounds between Linn village and this town, like Jacobits laying them down to rest when night drew on, were preserved by the good hand of God with cheerful spirits though the heavens poured down rain all night insesently one Remarkable providence never to be forgotten some of the company lying under the body of a great tree It lying some distant from the earth, when daylight appeared no sooner was the last man come from under it fell down to thier amazement being forced to dig out thier food that was caught under it it being so pondorous that all the strength they had could not remove it."

"4d of 11 mo. at a meeting at Edward Converse house where were admitted many persons to set down thier dwellings in this town, yet being shallow on brayne fell off."

"2 of 3d mo. Mrs. Burrs friends (from Dorchester) came again with freshmen whose minds were much for meadow, ad their judgment short in what they saw."

"The Selectmen mett the 7th day of 7 mo. 1674, and considering how greatly god is dishonoured by several youths playing at meeting and the trust that is by the authority of this Commonwealth, committed to the Selectmen, they do therefore, order that from this time forward all youths or male persons that shall play or carry it uncivilly on the day or in time of exercise, they shall be injoyned to sit in the last seat of the range of men's seats, and all other persons whatsoever are prohibited setting in that seat upon the penalty of a half crown, they doing it presumptously."

"At the same meeting Nathaniel Richardson that charged the Selectmen with trampling him under foot and wronging him and twiting them of putting themselves in place, with stuborn and uncivil carriage. he is fined tenne shillings."

"George Polly apeered before them for entertayning to inmates in his house and answerd they should not go out of town for any of them. The Selectmen considering George polly answer, and also the town order and what inconvenience might hapen to the town by it they granted a distrest of eight shillings to the constable to take said polly forthwith."

"29 of 12 m at the same meeting the Selectmen appointed the to long seats under the window in the meeting house for the buoys that are to be oppointed to sent them whose names are to be put in writing upon the seats and all other persons above sixteen years of age yt are not allowed if they be found to set in said seats they shall pay for the use of the town 2 and sixpence for every fault so committed except the man appointed to overlook them."

"At the same meeting there were nine men chosen to overlook the tenth familyes of their neighbourhood to see that they carry it according to law."

"In 1676 25 persons were appointed 'over the boys at the meeting house to have power to punish them with a stick if they do not behave themselves.'"

"22 of Jan., 1679, Andrew Pettamy and his squaw and another squaw being taken up drunk were all brought before the Selectmen of Woburn ad the case heard and proved were sentenced to pay ten shillings and too be whipt ten lashes and to defry the charges of Constable and witnesses."

"5th of 12 mo., 1676, the Selectmen fined Hopestill Foster for oppression in case depending between Josiah Converse and himself about making *brads* two shillings and eight pence to the said Josiah Converse."

"Hopestill Foster was fined for going to the ordinary after prohibition five shillings also for tippling in said oridnary contry law five shillings."

"Also Samwel Walker senor is fined twenty shillings for suffering Hopestill Foster an inhabitant to tipple and come into his house after warning."

In 1662 "William Dean is fined for the third time being drunk ten shillings, or set in the stocks."

[Mr. Wyman read liberal extracts from the ancient, quaint and curious records of ye old town of Woburn of which Wilmington was a part up to 1730, for a few specimens only of which have we room at this time. ED. JOURNAL.]

And for nearly a hundred years the good old town went on, laying out lands, assessing axes, ordering the affairs of the town and church, controling and educating the children, with only occasional slight skirmishes such as occur to the best regulated families, until at last Goshen grew impatient of the restraints of home rule desired to set up housekeeping for herself. The general cause of complaint seems to have been the inconvenience of attending meeting and the refusal of Woburn to build a meeting house within her territory. I do not understand from our records that any unreasonable opposition was made to the separation, any more than that natural hesitation that any community would feel in loseing from their town and church life so many good and substantial people who had contributed largely to their growth and prosperity. The agitation commenced in 1724, Goshen asking for a new meeting house, and ended by the incorporation of the Town of Wilmington, Sept. 25, 1730. The success that has attended you is good proof that the separation was of advantage to you as a community, and the relations of harmony and good will were never disturbed by it and I hope never will be; but as the years move on we may be knit closer together in the bonds of mutual respect and helpfulness.

The above Speech is taken from Woburn Journal Oct. 1880

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Wilmington's 150th Birth-day.

It was on one of those days, for which New England is so noted, in early autumn, with a clear sky, pure, refreshing and inspiring atmosphere, that Wilmington held her annual fair and celebrated her 150th birth-day. Sept. 25, 1880, will be long and pleasantly remembered by the sons and daughters of that town, and the fathers and mothers will place it among the archives of an honored ancestry, long to be preserved. It was a gala day to the young, but to the aged it was a sober, reflective occasion, as old acquaintances were renewed and the arty hand-shake was indulged in, naps to most of them, for the last

t an early hour in the day crowds in to assemble in that part of the n where the fair and celebration to be held, and it was pronounced the largest gathering ever assembled there. The school house, at the centre, being used as an exhibition hall of the Fair and the Anniversary exercises were held in the church.

The first part of the day was devoted to the annual fair of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Club, and was one of which they may well be proud, and would have done justice to a more pretentious occasion.

On entering the hall the first thing that met our gaze was the exhibit of the vegetables, which was simply grand, and to make any special mention of any particular display would be folly and perhaps unjust. But we hope to be pardoned if we do mention a few that struck us as being *par excellence*. The collections of I. E. Morse, A. Sheldon and G. O. Gowing, consisting of Potatoes, Beets, Turnips, Squashes, Melons and Tomatoes were particularly fine. Sheldon Sargent had on exhibition some onions that were raised in Spain, (so the placard said,) one of which was large enough to have put the whole town in tears, on any other day but this. The exhibit of Wm. Johnston of Woburn, should receive more than a passing notice. This collection contained of the vegetables usually found upon a farmer's table, and taking it in its quality, quantity and tasteful arrangement, was the finest exhibition of the kind we ever saw. Then we passed around to the other side of the hall to the fruit table, upon one end a fine collection of bread, of which Daniel Kelly was the "boss" exhibitor. If any one is to have special mention in the display of fruit, Chas. W. Swain would properly be the one. As we passed down these tables, we could only feast our eyes on the luscious pears, apples, grapes, etc., as a big placard said "hands off," and we did envy the judges in their tasting duty. We then came upon that excellent sewing machine, called the "Household," which was so noiseless, that if our attention had not been directed to it, we should not have had the pleasure of seeing the fine work that was being done upon it by a very superior and beautiful lady operator. This exhibit was placed there by that live, energetic and honest sewing machine agent, Moses Bancroft of Reading. The center of the hall contained the table of fancy articles and needle work, which was a very creditable display. The exhibition of flowers was not large, but contained some beautiful specimens in its tasteful arrangements for show. Mrs. J. Bond exhibited one of those rare (?) flowers of New England, known as the "Sunflower," which was as large as a (small) wash tub. We must not forget to mention the sweet potatoes raised in Wilmington, by H. Allen Sheldon, and peanuts, by Chas. W. Swain.

We could, with justice particularize much more, but space forbids.

THE CELEBRATION.

At 1:30 o'clock P. M., the Congregational church was thrown open and soon filled by a weary and restless crowd, glad of the opportunity to procure a comfortable seat. The front seats was reserved for invited guests from out of town, and the large number occupied showed that the response to the invitations had been quite general. We noticed among the number, ex-Governor Boutwell, ex-Governor Talbott, Solon Bancroft of Reading, Capt. Durgin of Haverhill, Mark Allen, Esq., editor of the Woburn *Advertiser*, and Nathan Wyman of Woburn. About 2 o'clock, H. A. Sheldon, President of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Club, called the assemblage to order and stated in a few brief and well chosen words the history and growth of the annual fairs of this club, which had culminated in a perfect success to-day. He also stated the remainder of the day would be devoted to exercises in honor of the 150th anniversary of the settlement of Wilmington, and introduced Lemuel C. Eames, President of the day. Mr. Eames, on taking the platform, stated, in a speech full of force and feeling, why they wished to reverence this day. He said that it may be thought that Wilmington, with her few hundred of inhabitants, had no right to aspire to any such occasion as this. But, said he, while we are fully aware of our smallness, and a speck by the side of our more pretentious neighbors, we do claim the right to honor our fathers, and that is the reason why we are assembled here. To prove that Wilmington has a history, he continued, and one that its citizens of to-day may well be proud, they have only to turn to the records of the past. We would like to give a much fuller report of this eloquent speech, but space forbids.

At the conclusion of the president's speech, Rev. Dr. March of Woburn, read the Scriptures and offered prayer. Then was sung with a vim, that good old hymn, by Dr. Baker of New Haven,

"God, beneath thy guiding hand," etc.

The president then introduced the orator of the day, Rev. Mr. Noyes of Woburn. An attempt to give a synopsis of this oration, or historical address, would end in utter failure. But suffice it to say it was full of incidents and facts connected with early days of the town, and the privations and suffering through which the pioneer fathers underwent, to bequeath to their children what she is to-day.

The audience then sang that soul-inspiring hymn,

"God bless our native land," etc.

The president then called upon ex-Governor Boutwell for a few remarks, to which he responded. Nathan Wyman represented Woburn in a short

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speech and reading some of the early records of the town. Solon Bancroft, Esq., represented Reading in some well chosen remarks. Ex-Governor Talbott was then called upon, and after thanking the managers for the invitation to be present on this happy occasion, he seemed to confine himself, in a roundabout way, to introducing Capt. Durgin of Haverhill. The speech of the Captain can be recorded as the "funny speech" of the occasion, and it gave new life and inspiration to that reflective audience He having been once their minister, but now a farmer and has procured the "handle" of Capt., his free and easy talk brought to their minds many pleasant recollections. With this the exercises closed.

John H. Nichols of Lowell, a former resident of Wilmington, presented to the town a book, in which he wished to have recorded the name of every person born in and now a resident of Wilmington, to be preserved until another 150 years shall pass away. The dinner, which was served in the vestry of the church, was one which can only be found at an agricultural fair, and prepared by those splendid cooks, farmers' wives and daughters. The lady waiters were prompt, pleasant and

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Those who had charge of arrangeing and carrying out the details of this occasion, deserve a vast amount of credit, as they were perfect in every particular. The editor of this paper was shown every courtesy by the committee of arrangements, which will always be kindly and pleasantly remembered and hope to meet them all there again when another 150 years shall have elapsed—if not there, in that higher and better world where years are not recorded.

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The Wilmington Fair.

The fourth annual fair and cattle show of the Wilmington Farmers' and Mechanics' Club was held at Wilmington yesterday, Friday, September 20. It was very largely attended, and on the whole the most successful fair ever given. The lateness in the week in which it was held will prevent our giving any extended account of it this week. but we shall hope to give some further notes next week. The exercises in the church consisted of introductory remarks by H. Allen Sheldon, who introduced Ansel W. Putnam of Danvers, the speaker of the day. His address was a fine one. He wished farmers to adopt the rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Speeches were made by Rev. Mr, Noyes, Geo. E. Marden of the Lowell Journal, Hon. George Foster of Andover, John L. Parker of the Woburn Journal, and Mark Allen of the Woburn Advertiser. The display of fruit in the hall was especially fine.

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Farmer's and Mechanic's Fair.

The Farmer's and Mechanic's Club of Wilmington held their fifth annual fair last Friday. The weather was fine, and there was a very large gathering of people from the neighboring towns.

The exercises commenced at 9 o'clock A. M., with a plowing match on land near the centre of the town. There were seven entries: H. Sheldon, W H. Carter 2nd, E. B. Eames, B. F Perry, Henry Weir and Fred White The plowing was well done, the quickest time made being by E. B. Eames, who finished his plot in 17 minutes The premiums were awarded as follows: First, $5, Edward B. Eames; second $1, H. Allen Sheldon; third, $3, W. H. Carter 2nd.

A spading match followed. The competitors were Eugene Shaw, Asa Sheldon and Henry Weir. The first premium, $2, was awarded to Asa G. Sheldon; the second $1, to Eugene Shaw

A wheelbarrow race and a potato race followed, in which were numerous competitors. In the wheelborrow race, Asa G. Sheldon took the first premium, $1, and Frank Kidder the second, 50 cents. In the potato race Arthur McDonald took the first premium, $1. and Nathan Osgood Eames the second. fifty cents.

There was an excellent exhibition of fruit and vegetables, together with mechanical products, household manufactures and needlework, etc., offered and well patronized.

Dinner was another important and interesting feature of the occasion, which was served as usual in the vestry of the church, between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock, and served to give evidence of the abundant resources of Wilmington and to the aptitude of the farmer's wives and daughters in providing for the inner man. Many hundreds were fed.

After dinner the usual exercises took place in the church, at which Mr. H. Allen Sheldon, president of the club, presided. The orator of the day this year was a lady, Mrs. Hiller, wife of Dr. Henry Hiller of Wilmington. The address was practical and related especially to the interests of the farmers and mechanics of Wilmington. It was withal brief and concise, and a vast improvement on that of last year. The house was crowded with an audience that listened attentively to the end Hon William A. Russell of Lawrence, Representative to Congress from the Seventh Dirtrict, was called on and made a brief speech. He was followed by Mr. Varnum, of Lowell, President of the Middlesex North Agricultural Society. After him remarks were made by Mr. Frye of Lowell, Levi Emery of Lawrence, Major Ladd of Lowell, and the veteran farmer William B. Harris of Woburn. At the conclusion of Mrs. Hiller's address the audience began to thin out, and when Mr. Harris got through but few were left in the church.

The Woburn Brass Band furnished some excellent music for the occasion, which gave general satisfaction.

The following are the premiums awarded:

BUTTER.

For the best specimen of butter, not less than six pounds, Miss Mary Eliza Parker, $2—second best, Mrs James K. Pearsons, $1.

FLOWERS.

For the best exhibition of flowers, Mrs T. D. Bond, 1.50—second best, Mrs. W. J. S. Marsh, 1. Best exhibition of wild flowers, Mrs Abbie F. Sheldon, 1. Best bouquet of flowers, Mrs. Horace Sheldon, 1.

WORKS OF ART AND PICTURES.

For the best exhibition of oil painting, Mrs. Dr. Hiller, 1.50. Best exhibition of drawings in pencil, Mrs. Sarah E. Spalding, 1.50.

MECHANICAL PRODUCTIONS.

For the best specimen of shoemaking. George N. Chase, 2. Best specimen of carpenter work and cabinet making James W. Murray, 2—second best, Clarence T. Abbott, 1.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES AND NEEDLE WORK.

For the best exhibition of rugs, Lois R. Carter 1.50—second best, Hattie S. Sheldon, 1. Best exhibition of knitting, Mrs. F. Carter, 1.50—second best, Julia M. Parker, 1. Best exhibition of crotchet, Mrs. Dr. Hiller, 1.50—second best, Julia M. Parker, 1. Best exhibition of worsted work, Julia M. Parker, 1.50—second best, Mrs. F. D. Morris, 1. Best exhibition of embroidery, Mrs. T. D. Bond, 1.50—second best, Miss. L. T. Bond, 1. Best exhibition of lace work, Miss Sarah J. Eames, 1.50. Best exhibition of decorative pottery, Mrs. Dr. Hiller, 1.50—second best, Mrs. Othniel Eames, 1. Best exhibition of patch quilt, Mary A. Sheldon, 1.50—second best Mrs. H. E. Eames, 1. Best exhibition of bead work, Mrs, T. D. Bond, 1.50—second best, Julia M. Parker, 1. Best motto made by a young lady under 12, Abbie F. Sheldon, 1.

PREPARED FRUITS, PICKLES AND HONEY.

For the best collection, Mrs. Dr. Hiller, 1.50—second best, Mrs. Bond, 1,

WORKING OXEN.

For the best pair, Horace Sheldon, 2.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

For the best collection of apples, H. Allen Sheldon, 1.50—second best, Chas. W. Swain, 1. Best plate of porter apples, J. A. Shephard, .50. Best plate baldwin apples, Chas. W. Swain, .50. Best collection of pears, J. A. Shephard, 1.50—second best, Horace Sheldon, 1. Best collection of cranberries, Jere Doucett, 1—second best, Dr. Hiller, .50. Best collection of peaches, Osgood A. Carter, 1—second best, Horatio N. Eames, .50. Best collection of grapes, George T. Eames 1.50—second best, J. A. Shepard, 1. Best bushel of potatoes, Otis C. Buck, 1.50—second best, William H. Carter, 1; best bushel of beets, Horace Sheldon, 1; best bushel tomatoes, Horace Sheldon, 1; best bushel rutabagas, Joshua Gowing, 1; of mangolds, H. A Sheldon, 1; of globe turnips, H. A. Sheldon, 1; of hops, Dr. Henry Hiller, 1; of beans, Othniel Eames, 1; half dozen water melons, W. H. Boutwell, 1; cantaloupes, W. H. Boutwell, 1; turban squashes, W. H. Boutwell, 1; hubbard squashes, W. H. Boutwell, 1; marrow squashes, H. A. Sheldon, 1; pumpkins, H. A. Sheldon, 1; cabbages, J. T. Wild 1, Best collection of vegetables. Mrs. Dr Hiller, 4—second best, John T. Wild, 3. Best collection of vegetables raised by a boy under 14 years of age. George Sherman Eames, 2.

SEED GRAIN.

For the best specimen of sweet corn, Warren Eames, 1, field corn, G Walker, 1; pop corn, J T. Wild, 1; winter rye, O. A. Carter, 1.

BREAD.

For the best specimen of home made bread, Miss Mary E. Parker, 1.50—second best, Mary A. Sheldon, 1. Best rye and Indian bread, Caroline Buck, 1.

MILCH COWS.

For the best milch cow, Joseph L. Phillips, 3—second best, Otis C. Buck, 2.

BULLS, HEIFERS AND CALVES.

For the best bull, Clifford Pearson, 2—second best, H. Allen Sheldon, 1. Best bull calf, Asa G. Sheldon, 1. Best heifer under three years, H. Allen Sheldon, 2.50—second best, James A. Shepard, 2. Best heifer under two years, Jonathan L. Carter, 2—second best Willie N. Pearsons, 1.50, Best heifer under one year, Asa G. Sheldon, 1 50—second best, Daniel Kelley, 1.

HERDS OF CATTLE.

For the best herd of cattle of not less than six, B. F, Perry, 5—second best, Daniel R. Upton, 3.

HERDS OF MILCH COWS.

Best herd of Milch Cows of not less than three, Horace Sheldon, 3.

HORSES.

For the best pair of farm horses, Edward B. Eames, 4. Best family and driving horse, J. L. Carter, 2—second best, Horace Sheldon, 1.50. Best colt three or four years old, B. F. Perry, 2. Best colt two years old and under, H. Allen Sheldon, 2. Best breeding mare with foal by her side, Wm. W. Pickering, 3.

SWINE.

For the best boar, Lawrence C. Swain, 2. Best breeding sow, H. Allen Sheldon, 2. Best porker, Otis C. Buck, 2. Best pig from three to eight months old, Jonathan L. Carter, 2.

SHEEP.

For the best flock of sheep of not less than six, Horace Sheldon, 2.

POULTRY.

For the best trio of light bramas, Horace E. Eames, 1. Plymouth Rock, John T. Wild, 1. Brown Leghorn, Fred. S. White, 1. White Leghorn, Daniel Kelley, 1. Pigeons, Willie N. Pearsons, 1.

BEST CULTIVATED QUARTER ACRE POTATOES:

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Sept 30. 1880

WILMINGTON.

Celebration of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Town, and Sixth Annual Exhibition of the Farmers and Mechanics Club.

The town of Wilmington was incorporated September 25th, 1730, and Saturday last was its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, which was celebrated by the citizens of the town, in connection with the sixth annual exhibition of the Wilmington Farmers and Mechanics Club. The day was one of the finest, and there was a large number of people present. The forenoon was devoted more especially to the exhibition of the Club. The anniversary exercises occupied the afternoon

THE FAIR.

As heretofore, the exhibition of agricultural and mechanical products was in the Town Hall, and we don't think that for the size of the exhibition, we have ever seen a finer display of vegebles and fruit than was offered there.—The finest collection of vegetables was exhibited by Mr. William Johnson, one of the Woburn Selectmen, among which was a very fine large Hubbard squash, bearing on and growing into it the names of "Hancock and English."—This collection not being raised within the limits of the town of Wilmington, was excluded from competition for a prize by the rules of the Club.

Among other remarkable products were some very large onions, raised in Spain, and presented for exhibition by Sheldon Sargent. Any one of these, in our judgment, would go round for an ordinary family, at dinner.

Among the novelties in agricultural products were some very fine looking pea-nuts, raised by Charles W. Swain, and some very fine sweet potatoes raised by H. A. Sheldon.

There were many exhibits worthy of special notice, did not our space forbid.

The display of household manufactures, also needle work, was excellent, and there was a pretty display of flowers.

The premiums awarded are given elsewhere.

Following are the Premiums awarded for the various articles exhibited at the Fair :—

FRUIT.

Apples.—Best collection, $1.50, H. Allen Sheldon. Second best, $1.00, J. L. Phillips. Best plate of Hubbardston, .50, Asa Potter. Best plate Sudbury Sweet, .50, Sylvester Carter. Best plate Porters, .50, George Walker. Best plate Baldwins, .50, C. W. Swain.

Pears.—Best collection, $1.50, J. A. Shephard. Second best, $1.00, Horace Sheldon. Best plate, .50, C. W. Swain.

Miscellaenous—Best collection Cranberries, $1.00, Silas Brown. Second best, .50, Sylvester Gowing, 2d. Best collection of Grapes, $1 50, J. A. Shephard; second best, 1.00, William Pearce.

VEGETABLES.

Best bushel Potatoes, $150, Levi Swain, Jr. Second best, 1.00, I. E. Morse. Carrots, $1.00, John T. Wild Parsnips, $1.00, Edw. Mace. Beets, 1.00, G. & O. Gowing. Tomatoes, 1.00, G. & O. Gowing. Rutabagas, 1.00, L. C. Eames. Mangolds, 1.00, H. A. Sheldon. Globe Turnips, 1 00. G. T. Eames, Purple Top Turnips, 1.00, G. O. Gowing.

Best specimens,—Hops $1.00, Charles Hopkins. Beans, 1.00, G. & O. Gowing.

Best half-dozen Water Melons, $1.00, H. Allen Sheldon. Contaloupes, 1.00, H. Boutwell. Hubbard Squashes, 1.00. H. Boutwell. Marrow Squashes, 1.00, W. H. Carter, 2d—Pumpkins. 1.00, H. B. Eames. Cabbages, 1.00, J. T. Wild.

Best collection of Vegetables, 3.00. Levi Swain, Jr.

SEED GRAIN.

Best Specimens, $1.00 each. Sweet Corn, Henry Sheldon. Field Corn, B. F. Perry.—Pop Corn, H. N. Eames. Winter Rye, Gilman Gowing.

BREAD.

Best Home-made, $1.50, Daniel Kelley.—Second best, 1.00, Miss Mary E. Parker. Best Rye and Indian, 1.00, Mrs. Harvey Beard. Second best, .50, Mrs. George T. Eames.

BUTTER.

Best specimen, not less than six pounds, $2.00, Daniel R. Upton. Second best, 1.00, Mrs. J. L. Phillips.

FLOWERS.

Best exhibition, $150, Mrs. T. D. Bond.—Second best, 1.00, Miss Hattie Buck. Best exhibition of Wild Flowers, 1.00, Miss Julia M. Parker. Best boquet of Flowers, 1.00, Mrs. Horace Sheldon.

WORKS OF ART AND PICTURES.

Best exhibition Pencil Drawings, $1.50, Eugene A. Carter. Second best, 1.00 Miss Maggie M. Coles.

MECHANICAL PRODUCTIONS.

Best specimens Carpenter Work, 2.00, W. J S. Marsh. Second best, J. Cifford Pearson.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES AND NEEDLE WORK.

Best exhibition Rugs, 1.50, Mrs. Horace E. Eames. Second best, 1.00, Mrs. Thomas Bond. Best Knitting, 1.50, Mrs. George T. Eames. Second best, 1.00, Sarah J. Eames. Best Crochet Work, 1.50, Mrs. Frank Avery; best Worsted Work, 1.50, Hattie A. Sheldon; second best, Myra Noyes. Best Embroidery, 1.50, Mrs. T. D. Bond; second best 1.00, Mrs. Edw, B. Eames. Best Lace Work, 150, Mrs. Charles O. Young; second best 1.00, Olive Allen Best Decorative Pottery, 1.50, Caroline Buck. Best Patch Quilt, 1.50, Mrs. T. D. Bond; second best 1.00, Mrs. Horace Sheldon. Best Bead Work, 1.50, Mrs. T. D. Bond; second best 1.00, Caroline Buck. Best Motto by young lady under 12 years, 1.00, Anna T. Sheldon; second best .50, Maud Taylor. Gratuities under this head were granted to Mrs. Barney Babine, Augusta Eames, Mrs. William Pierce.

PREPARED FRUITS, PICKLES, AND HONEY.

Best collection, 1.50, Mrs. F. M. Carter; second best 1.00, Mrs. Hill.

WORKING OXEN.

Best pair, 2 00, Horace Sheldon.

MILCH COWS.

Best, 3.00, Daniel Kelley.

Shortly after nine o'clock, the Woburn Brass Band, with the competitors, judges, and all others interested, proceeded to the grounds of Otis Carter, about half a mile from the centre of the village, where the Ploughing Match took place. There were but four competitors, viz. :—Horace Sheldon, W. H. Carter, 2d, Fred. S. White, and Alex. Weir. The ploughing was well done, and at the conclusion all returned to the centre, where the band furnished music. There was the usual amount of sideshows and itinerant venders of notions.

At 12 o'clock dinner was served in the vestry of the Church. There was a large crowd to feed, which occupied considerable time.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

The Anniveary services commenced in the Church after dinner. The meeting was called to order by Mr. H. Allen Sheldon, President of the Farmers and Mechanics Club, who stated that on this occasion, it being the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the town, the Club would forego their usual exercises, and the announcing of premiums, in order that the anniversary exercises might proceed at once. He introduced Lemuel C. Eames, Esq, as President of the day.

Mr. Eames on taking the chair made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, and introduced Dr. Daniel D. March, pastor of the Congrogational Church of Woburn, to conduct the devotional exercises, which consisted of reading selections from the Scriptures, singing two verses of a hymn by Dr. Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, commencing,—

"O, God, beneath whose guiding hand
Our exiled fathers crossed the sea,"

and prayer.

Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, pastor of the Wimington Church, then delivered an historical address, presenting many reminiscences of the olden time, from the incorporation of the town, and down to the present time. The reason presented for the separation of that part of Woburn, now Wilmington, from the mother town, was on account of the desire of the inhabitants to enjoy religious worship with less inconvenience of travel, &c. and the unwillingness of Woburn to build a Meeting House for the accommodation of that portion of the town.

Ex-Governor George S. Boutwell was next introduced. He made a few appropriate remarks, alluding to Wilmington as the birth place of his father.

Mr. Nathan Wyman, Post Master of Woburn, was called upon to respond for the mother town. He spoke briefly, and occupied a short time in reading some interesting extracts from the first volume of the Records of the Town of Woburn.

Solon Bancroft, Esq., of Reading, responded for that town, a portion of which was taken to form the town of Wilmington. Ex Governor Thos. Talbot, of Billerica, also addressed the meeting.

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Snow Birds

WILL HOLD THEIR

ANNUAL SALE

IN THE

VESTRY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

WILMINGTON,

THURSDAY EVENING, March 31st, 1887.

APRONS AND FANCY ARTICLES WILL BE SOLD.

☞ Do not fail to pay the FLOWER TABLE special attention.

THE ENTERTAINMENT

will consist of

READINGS by Miss ANNIE LIBBY,

of EAST SAUGUS; also,

Vocal and Instrumental Solos, Duets, Trios, etc.

ICE CREAM AND CAKE WILL BE SERVED.

The proceeds will be used to purchase an Organ for the Church Parlor.

Admission 15 Cts. Children 10 Cts.

DOORS OPEN AT SEVEN O'CLOCK.

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A POEM

WRITTEN FOR THE

FEMALE HOME BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, Of Wilmington,

BY MISS H. SHELDON.

Sisters, in love, we've met to-day,
Our kindred feeling to display
Toward those who need our care.
We'll search them out where'er they be
Within our own vicinity,
Then to their homes repair,

Enter, and with affection true,
We'll ask what we for them can do ;
And then from our joint store,
Freely to them we will impart
With ready hand and glowing heart,
Nor ask why they are poor.

Donations freely we receive,
And we as freely will relieve
Those who to us may cry ;—
Their different wants when understood,
Whether it's med'cine, clothes or food,
We'll hasten to supply.

The sick, the aged and the lame
May feel, on us they have a claim
For our benevolence.
Our linen clean and white we'll spread
Upon the feeble languid bed,
And ask no recompense.

The aged surely we'll defend,
On us for help they may depend,—
Their time we know is brief ;
Fuel and food, and garments warm,
To shield them from the wintry storm,
We'll give to their relief.

We to the lame will be a staff,
An int'rest take in their behalf,
Severe has been their shock ;
We'll send them *liniment* most pure,
Hoping it may effect a cure,
And they again will walk.

Thus unitedly we'll try
To wipe the tear from sorrow's eye,
And soothe the bed of pain.
That heart was never truly blest,
No ray of glory lights that breast
Which beats for naught but gain.

Sisters, we've met and now we part,
We're one in mind and one in heart,
Benevolence and love ;
And when our earthly meeting's o'er
May we all gain the Heav'nly shore
And meet in realms above.

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B ...INGTON.

...enth Annual Exhibition of the Farmers & Mechanics Club.

The Farmers and Mechanics' Club of Wilmington, held its seventh annual fair on Friday last, the 23 inst. The day was all that could be desired, and there was a large attendance, the neighboring towns being well represented.—There was the usual outside shows and venders of promiscuous wares. The programme of the day opened with the usual plowing match. Music was furnished by the Wilmington Band. There was the usual exhibition of stock in the meeting house shed. The exhibition of agricultural and mechanical products, etc., was held in the Town Hall. The display of vegetables was excellent.—There was not so extensive an exhibition of fruit as we have seen on former occasions. The display of needle-work we think surpasses former exhibitions, and manifests much patient toil in preparing for this exhibition. There was a tasty display of flowers. The premiums awarded for the various exhibitions are given elsewhere.

Mr. A. Bancroft, the sewing machine man, occupied his old corner with the "Household," a machine which he considers a little superior to anything now before the public, and which has just ... premium at the New England ...ultural Fair at Worcester.

...t 12 30 dinner was served in the ...try of the church, to which large ...umbers paid their respects. The rush, was not as large, however as last year.

EXERCISES IN THE CHURCH.

The meeting in the church in the afternoon, was called to order by H. Allen Sheldon, President of the Club. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. McKenna, the Methodist Minister, after which Rev. Daniel P Noyes, pastor of the Congregational Church, offered the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The citizens of Wilmington and neighboring ...wns, in attendance upon this annual Agricul...ral Fair, unite in the following resolutions, ...ith the request that the Farmers' & Mechan...s' Club enter them upon their records

Resolved.—That for eighty days we followed ...ith ceaseless anxiety the reports from the sick ...hamber of our late beloved and honored Pres...lent, James A. Garfield. We have felt that in ...uch a Chief Magistrate, the nation had honor and security; and we thank God that he gave him to us even for so short a time. And now that by a strange and monstrous crime he has been taken away, we feel enriched by the record of Christian faith and courage to which that sick chamber has borne witness; and thankful that all the people have been lifted, at least for the moment, above the ordinary level of party politics, in loving and revering so good a man.

We send our deepest sympathies to his stricken family; we grieve with their grief; while wondering at the way of Divine Providence, that out of this disaster and bitterness, has already called forth the blessing of a world wide sympathy and the promise of a kindlier and a more heartfelt union of all the States ...all the people of our beloved country.

A dirge was played by the band, after which the President introduced E. P. Robinson, Esq., of Saugus, as the speaker of the day. Mr. Robinson's address was with reference to worn out farms. At the conclusion of the address Rev. Mr. Noyes gave notice that there would be a meeting of ladies on Saturday to take measures to appropriately drape the church in mourning for the dead President.

Rev. Mr. Buffum, a retired clergyman and an old sailor, was introduced and made some remarks.

He was followed by Rev. Mr. McKenna in some practical remarks on the subject of farming.

Further remarks were made by Chester W. Clark, Esq., after which the Sectary read the premiums awarded which were as follows:—

Premiums.

FRUIT.

Apples.—Best plate Hubbardston, $.50, Asa Potter. Best Portors, .50, C. W. Swain; best Baldwin, .50, C W. Swain,

Best collection fruit, $1.50, H. A. Sheldon; second best, C. W. Swain.

Pears.—Best collection $1.50, Horace Sheldon; second best $1.00. H. A. Sheldon. Best plate .50, C. W. Swain.

Miscellaneous.—Best collection Peaches, $1.00, I. E. Morse. Best collection Cranberries, $1.00, Joseph Doucet. Second best, .50, Jeremiah Doucet.

Best collection Grapes, $1.50, Sara J. Eames. Second best, $1.00, Asa Potter.

VEGETABLES.

Best bushel Potatoes, $1.50, J. H. Buck. Second best, $1.00, Asa Potter.

Carrots, $1.00, G. T. Eames. Parsnips, 1.00, L. Swain. Beets, 1.00, L. Swain. Tomatoes, 1.00, I. E. Morse. Onions, 1.00, Asa Potter. Rutabagas, 1.00, Sylvestor Carter. Mangolds, 1.00, G. T. Eames. Purple top ditto, 1.00, S T. Eames.

Best Specimens.—Hops, 1.00, J. E. Skelton. Beans 1.00, G. T. Eames.

Best half dozen.—Muskmelon, $1.00, Asa Potter.—Turban squash, 1.00, I. E. Morse. Hubbard squash, 1 00, L. Swain. Marrow squash, 1,00, I. E. Morse.—Pumpkins, 1,00, Henry Buck. Cabbages, 1,00, L. C. Eames.

Best Collection Vegetables, $3.00, L. Swain. Second best, $2.00, G. T. Eames.

SEED GRAIN.

Best Specimens.—Sweet corn, $1.00, Irwin Morse.—Field corn, 1.00. Sylvester Carter. Pop corn, 1.00, H. N. Eames.

FIELD CORN.

Best half acre, $3.00, Asa Potter; 2d best, $2.00, Horace Sheldon.

BREAD.

Best Home-made, $1.50, Hattie Gowing. Second best, $1.00, Mary E. Parker.

Best Rye and Indian. $1.00, Susan Bancroft, Second best, .50, Mary E. Parker.

BUTTER.

Best specimen, not less than six pounds, $2.00, Mrs. Levi Swain. Second best, $1.00, Mrs. W. H. Carter.

FLOWERS

Best exhibition, $1.50, Harriet Buck. Second best $1.00, Mrs. Warren Eames.

Best exhibition of wild flowers, $1.00, Abbie F. Sheldon.

Best boquet, $100, Mary A. Kidder.

WORKS OF ART AND PICTURES.

Best exhibition drawings, $1.50, E. A. Page. Second best, $1.00, Eugene A. Carter.

MECHANICAL PRODUCTIONS.

Best specimen wood-work, $2.00, Oliver H. Arno.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES AND NEEDLE WORK.

Best Rug, $1.50, Mrs. Horace E. Eames. Second best, $1.00, Mrs. Horace Sheldon. Best Knitting, $1 50, Miss Julia M. Parker. Second best, $1.00, Miss Mary S. Eames. Best Crochet Work, $1.50, Miss M. R. Bond. Second best, $1.00, Mrs. M. A. Perkins.—Best Worsted Work, $1.50, Miss Lydia Young. Second bets, $1.00, Mrs. C. M. Gowing. Best Embroidery, $1 50, Mrs. F. M. Carter. Second best, $1.00, Miss C. E. Bancroft. Best Lace Work, $1.50, Miss Augusta Eames. Second best, $1.00, Miss Gertie Harris. Best Decorative Pottery, $1.50, Mrs. Henry Sheldon. Second best, $1 00, Miss Anna Sheldon. Best Patch Quilt, $1,50, Mrs. Henry Sheldon. Second best, $1 00, Miss Hattie Gowing. Best Bead Work, $1.50, Miss Emma Hamlin. Second best, $1.00, Miss Katie Milligan. Best Motto, $1.00, Miss Abbie P. Swain. Second best, .50, Miss F. Sheldon.

PREPARED, FRUITS, PICKLES AND HONEY.

Best Collection, $1.50, Miss Mary C. Hill. Second Best, $1.00, Mrs. Fred. M. Carter.

WORKING OXEN.

Best Pair, $2.00, Sylvestor Carter.

MILCH COWS.

Best Milch Cow, $4.00, George Coles; Second Best, $3.00, L. Allen Sheldon.

BULLS, HEIFERS, CALVES, &c.

Best Bull, $2.00, H. A. Sheldon; 2d best, $1,00, D. R. Upton. Best Bull Calf, $1.00, Horace Sheldon.—Best Heifer, under three years, $2.00, H. A. Sheldon. Second best, $1.50, H. A. Sheldon. Best Heifer, under 2 years, $3.00, D R. Upton. 2d best, $1.50, W. H. Haley. Best Heifer Calf, under 1 year, $1.50, Sylvester Carter. 2d best, $1 00, Daniel Kelley.

HERDS OF CATTLE.

Not less than six, $4.00, Horace Sheldon; 2d best, $3.00. Benjamin F. Perry.

HORSES.

Family and Driving Horses. Best, $3.00 Oliver Arno. 2d best, $1.50, W. H. Haley. Best Pair Farm Horses, $3 00 Benjamin F. Perry. Best Colt, 2 years or under, $2.00, Benjamin F Perry. Best Farm Horse, $2.00, Benjamin F. Perry.

SWINE.

For Best Boar, $2,00, Horace Sheldon. Best Breeding Sow, $2.00, Horace Sheldon. Best Porker, $2.00. L. W. Swain. Best Pig, 3 to 8 months, $2 00, Horace Sheldon.

SHEEP.

Best Flock, $2.00, Horace Sheldon.

POULTRY.

Best Light Bramah, 1.00, Justin Parker. Best Plymouth Rock, $1.00, W. H. Buck. Best Brown Leghorn, $1.00, Sylvestor Carter. Best White Leghorn, $1.00, Daniel Kelley. Best Black Spanish, $1.00, Daniel Kelley. Best Collection, Poultry, $2.00, E. W. Studly.

PLOWING MATCH.

Best Plowing, $5.00, Benjamin F. Berry; 2d best, $1.00, W. H. Carter, 2d; third best, Asa G. Sheldon.

WILMINGTON.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' Club held their eighth annual fair and cattle show on Saturday, Sept. 23d. The exhibition as a whole was very good. The show of apples was very good for this year. Pears and grapes were not up to the display of former years. The vegetable show was very fine and attracted much attention.

The exercises in the church gave excellent satisfaction. The principal address was given by his excellency Gov. Long, and it is needless to say that it was eloquent and scholarly, and was heartily applauded. The other speakers were Rev. Dr. March of Woburn, Hon. Chas. A. Stott, and Geo. A. Marden of Lowell. The premiums were awarded as follows:

Fruit.—Best collection of apples—1st, Chas. W. Swain. $1.50; 2d, H. Allen Sheldon, $1.00; Best plate porter apples—J. L. Phillips, 50cts; Baldwin, C. W. Swain, 50 cts.

Best collection Pears—1st, Henry Sheldon, $1.50; 2d, Horace Sheldon, 1.00; Best plate Pears, C. W. Swain, 50 cts.

Best collection Cranberries—1st, Joseph Doucett, 1.00; 2d, Silas Brown, 50cts. Grapes—William Pierce, 1.50.

Vegetables.—Best bushel potatoes—1st, W. H. Haley, 1.50; 2nd, Levi Swain, 1.00.

Best bushel Rutabagas — Geo. T. Eames, 1.00; Otis Gowing, purple tops, ...00; Horace Sheldon, mangels, 1.00.

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Best specimen carrots—Asa Potter, 1.00; Parsnips, Asa Potter, 1.00; Beets, Horace Sheldon, 1.00; Tomatoes, I. Morse, 1.00; Onions, E. C. Beals, 1.00; Hops, Warren Eames, 1.00.

Best dozen Watermelons—1st, Levi Swain, 5.00; 2d, Otis Gowing, 3.00; Mush; W. H. Haley, 1.00; Cantalopes, Levi Swain, 1.00.

Turban Squash, W. H. Haley, 1.00; Hubbard, Asa Potter, 1.00; Marrow, H. Allen Sheldon, 1.00; Butman, Warren Eames, 1.00.

Seed Grain—Sweet corn, Levi Swain, 1.00; Field corn, Horace Sheldon, 1.00; Pop corn, G. T. Eames, 1.00.

Bread—Wheat, Mrs. Thos. Savage, 1.50: 2d, Miss Hattie Gowing, 1.00.

Rye and Indian—1st, Miss Hattie Gowing, 1.00; 2d, Mrs. Levi Swain, 50cts.

Butter—1st, Mrs. Levi Swain, 2.00; 2d, Mrs. Wm. H. Carter, 1.00.

Best collection of Vegetables—Levi Swain, 3.00; 2d, Nathan O. Eames, 2.00.

Pumpkins—Levi Swain, 1.00; Cabbages—I. Morse, 1.00.

Flowers—1st, Miss Hattie Buck, 1.50; Wild flowers, Annie Sheldon, 1.00.

Best Exhibition drawings—Miss Carrie F. Buck, 1.50.

Best Specimen Woven Work—E. A. Hamlin, 2.00.

Poultry.—Merrill Hutchinson, $1.00; David Kelly, $2.00; Walter Fuller, $1.00; E. W. Studley, $2.00.

Best field of corn.—Nathan B. Eames, $3.00; Horace Sheldon, $2.00.

Ploughing match—First, Wm. H Carter, 2nd, $5.00; second, Horace Sheldon, $4.00; third, Allen Sheldon, $3.00.

Best Bull—1st, Horace Sheldon, $2.00; 2nd, Allen Sheldon, $1.00.

Best Calf—Justin L. Park, $1.00.

Heifer under three years—1st, Daniel Kelly, $2.00; 2nd Horace Sheldon, $1.50.

Heifer under two years—D. Kelly, $2.00; J. L. Phillips, $1.50.

Heifer under one year—1st, Horace Sheldon, $1.50; 2nd, Horace Sheldon, $1.00.

Best Family Cow—Justin L. Parker, 4.00; 2d, J. A. Coles, 3.00.

Best Herd of Cattle—1st, W. H. Haley, 4.00; 2d, B. F. Perry, 3.00.

Horace Sheldon took the cake on sheep and swine.

Horses—B. F. Perry, 3.50; W. H. Haley, 3.50; H. Allen Sheldon, colt, 2.00.

Best Exhibition of Rugs, Mrs. Horace E. Eames, 1.50; 2d, Miss Clara Eames, 1.00. Best Knitting, Miss Mary S. Eames, 1.50; 2d, Mrs. Aaron Pearson, 1.00. Crochet-work, Mrs. Frank D. Morris, 1.50; 2d, Mrs. Horace Eames, 1.00. Worsted Work, 1st, Abbie F. Sheldon, 1.50; 2d, Abbie P. Swain, 1.00. Embroidery, Mrs. Chas. F. Reed, 1.50; 2d, Emily M. Buck, 1.50. Best Lace work, Miss Augusta Eames, 1.50; 2d, Miss Emily M. Buck, 1.00. Best Decorative Pottery, Miss Hattie Gowing, 1.50; 2d, Mrs. Justin L. Parker, 1.00. Best Motto, William Gage Sheldon, 1.00; 2d, Mrs. C. H. Pearson, 50 cts.

WILMINGTON'S AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

13th Annual Gathering—A Large Attendance—Attractive Display.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' club of Wilmington gave its thirteenth annual exhibition Friday, Sept. 23. That there is no decline of interest in this society was clearly shown by the large number present during the entire day. To the eye of the visitor it seemed that the population had turned out en masse, with liberal reinforcements from the adjoining towns.

Many of the usual accessories of town exhibitions were on the scene in the form of flying horses, venders of peanuts, bananas, walking-sticks, never-failing panaceas, fried chips and Yankee notions. The lusty crying of these wares gave to the usually quiet town a lively business air, and the itinerant merchants evidently gathered in many a hard-earned penny.

For the ploughing match at 10 o'clock there were four entries of two-horse teams, and the contest for the highest award was a lively one. The display of fruits and vegetables was quite creditable to the skill and industry of the farmers of Willmington. The exhibit of squashes and potatoes was hardly excelled in quantity, and certainly not in excellence, at the recent North Middlesex fair. There were eight entries of cranberries of superior quality, and in this line Wilmington is making no inconsiderable progress, as a part of her territory is well adapted to the cultivation of this fruit. Mrs. Dr. Hiller has seven or eight acres devoted to this crop, and has made a large outlay of money in its cultivation. She has about 600 bushels of berries of excellent quality to show for the season's work, and they will bring a handsome sum of money. She pays 27 cents for picking a half-bushel box full, and as fast as picked they are put away in cool rooms to be finally assorted for market.

At noon about 300 people partook of a most excellent farmers' dinner in the vestry of the Orthodox church, the young ladies of the town serving as waiters.

At 2 o'clock there was speaking in the church, interspersed with good music by the Malden city band. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Harmon, H. Allen Sheldon, president of the club, introduced Harrison G. Sleeper, esq., of Lynn as a former resident of Wilmington in his boyhood. Mr. Sleeper said that his principal motive in being present was to look once more upon the scenes so familiar a quarter of a century ago. His interesting address, which occupied about half an hour, had for its leading thought the necessity of intelligent, persistent industry to the accomplishment of the highest success not only in agriculture, but in all human vocations; and this was well enforced by numerous examples from ancient and modern history.

Hon. Geo. A. Marden of Lowell was also called upon, and made a brief address, partly humorous and partly serious, in which he insisted that the average $2500-farmer generally fails to give his farm credit for what it furnishes, and almost always fails to give it credit for what it might be made to furnish.

Brief remarks were made by Mr. Frank G. Morse of Lowell, also by Rev. Mr. Harmon, who said that he had been greatly interested in the words spoken, and expressed his hearty sympathy with the farmer and the mechanic.

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WILMINGTON'S FAIR.

Sixteenth Annual Exhibition of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Club—One of the Best in Its History.

Among the comparatively few towns in the county which maintain the farmers' and mechanics' club with much of the old time energy and enthusiasm Wilmington must be ranked as one of the most prominent. The 16th annual exhibition of the association, of which John T. Wild, esq., is president and Edward M. Nichols secretary, was held Wednesday. The weather was most favorable and to the visitor it seemed as if the town had turned out en masse, reinforced by a liberal representation from all the other towns in the vicinity. It is estimated that during the day there were at least 3000 people on the grounds. This year there was a sensible departure from the former method of displaying the various exhibits. Instead of crowding them into a small hall the fruit and fancy work were exhibited in the town hall while the vegetables had a tent to themselves. There was an excellent show of fall apples, flowers and products of the needle. Among the latter were several elaborate crazy quilts, which one masculine observer decided would be rightly named if he were ordered to produce one. The exhibit of vegetables, especially potatoes and squashes, was exceptionally fine. For a cranberry town only three entries seemed too meagre but the quality was excellent. In the line of live stock there was a marked increase over the number on exhibition two years ago, there being some 35 or 40 head of cattle with several horses and sheep and some decidedly solid porkers.

At 9 o'clock, under the direction of Chief Marshal Milton T. Holt, the contestants in the plowing match, headed by the Woburn brass band, T. Marrinan, leader, and accompanied by a large number of interested spectators, proceeded to the place of trial on the grounds of Mrs. Lee. There were six entries and the work was admirably done. The awards appear below. Following came the trial of draft horses in front of the church, and there was also in the forenoon a series of athletic sports. At 12.30 a procession was formed near the hall and marched to the dinner tent on the common. Plates were laid for 550 people and these were all taken, and at least 200 more hungry mortals waited patiently or otherwise for their chance. The divine blessing was invoked by Rev. Elijah Harmon of the Congregational church, and after the merits of the capital dinner provided by the club had been fully tested President Wild with brief preliminary remarks introduced as a neighbor Rev. C. C. Hussey of Billerica, who expressed his pleasure in being invited to meet with his Wilmington friends upon such an occasion. He referred to the changed condition of life in city and country of late years. Now life tends to the city, and we should do all we can to keep up social life in the country and counteract the tendency towards isolation, of which the farmer working alone in a ten-acre lot furnished an illustration. Let us hold on to hospitality. Let us try to break up the isolation of country life by the establishment of libraries, by rational entertainments and by exhibitions such as this of today. We must keep ourselves up to a high ideal. Let us help life to return to the country. Let us enjoy nature and learn to look up through nature to nature's God. Mr. Hussey's remarks were warmly applauded.

Mr. George R. Chase of Medfield, secretary of the State grange, said that he was self invited and was present in a business capacity in behalf of the grange. He concisely and forcibly set forth the prominent merits of the order, these being its educational and social advantages, the equality of woman with man, its freedom from party politics, its inculcation of the highest morality without sectarianism.

Mr. Horace Gowing of Wakefield, formerly of Wilmington, facetiously alluded to his wife's agency in securing for him the privilege of speaking. He was pleased to note 100 per cent. improvement since his former visit, then there being one pair of oxen on exhibition and today two. He thought that farmers made a mistake when they substituted horses for oxen. He spoke upon the inequality of taxation and its burden upon real estate, and asked the farmers what they think of all taxes being placed upon real estate.

Mr. Frank Morse of Lowell was called upon and responded briefly, and the closing remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Harmon, who said this agricultural reunion is one which the Wilmington people propose to keep up and in which they take great pride. He spoke in complimentary terms of the people of the town and closed by comparing favorably the calling of the farmer with the uncertainties of other pursuits.

After the exercises in the tent there was a lively game of base ball between the Burlingtons and Wilmingtons, the latter proving victors. Following is the award of premiums:

Wilmington.

The 17th annual fair and cattle show of the Wilmington Farmers and Mechanics club was held on Thursday, Sept. 22. The display of vegetables was not up to the standard of former years, although there were some fine specimens. A fine show of fruits was made, especially of cranberries. The ladies' exhibit was worthy of the universal praise it received. All honor to the ladies' of our good old town! The show of cattle was better than usual. The fine herd of Wm. H. Haley and the cows from the town farm were worthy of special mention. The dinner was good enough for anybody, and the same can be said of the speaking at the dinner table. The speakers were Rev. A. H. Fuller of Billerica, Rev. Geo. Crawford of Woburn, Rev. E. Harmon and Mrs. Dr. Hiller of Wilmington, A. E. Brown of Bedford, and Mr. Morse of Lowell. The president of the club, Edward N. Eames, esq., presided at the dinner table with rare tact, and introduced the speakers in a very pleasing manner. The music by the Wilmington band received much praise. Following is the premium list, which will be more interesting than any words of the writer:

The Wilmington Cattle Show.

From Our Own Reporter.

The annual exhibition by the Wilmington Farmers' and Mechanics' club was to have occurred on Friday, but it was postponed until Saturday that the presence of the Governor might be insured. It was a fortunate postponement, for Friday was a cold, rainy day, and Saturday, though unpleasant, offered considerable time when rain did not fall, and now and then a ray of sunshine. The show was almost exclusively confined to the town, and the first impression it gave was that there could not have been much of a drouth in Wilmington. Not that the display was as large as usual, but in the line of vegetables the product was so large and handsome, that when one reflects on the unpromising character of most of the soil in town, one expects comparatively little, and this year I supposed the drouth must have prevented the growth of anything worth bringing to a cattle-show. There was not much fruit to be seen, and that little was not of very good quality, except the apples and cranberries. Wilmington is not a fruit town, though this is not, I think, an average year for a display. There were some as fine cranberries as I ever saw, however, and this fruit, it seems, is the boast of the town. Wilmington claims to have sent the first cranberries ever exported to the South. This was many years ago, and her natural cranberry meadows have been supplemented by careful cultivation by several successful growers. Some of the specimens shown by Jeremiah and Joseph Doucette were as large as crab-apples, and beautiful in form and color. The ladies have a large share in making the exhibition a success, and there was quite a display of bread and butter, while the table of "household articles" was crowded with specimens of skill with the needle. The vegetable display, as we have intimated, was first rate. I have never seen finer potatoes, and the stories of the yield were almost wonderful. President Sheldon of the club said he got at the rate of 11 hills to a bushel on a large piece of land, and I heard of several others who claimed about the same. Beets, turnips, mangels, carrots, parsnips, egg-plant, and other vegetables were fine and in good quantity, and some of the contributions were promised for the Middlesex North fair at Lowell.

The out-door show was necessarily limited on account of the weather. There were some beautiful Jersey cows, and several fine Dutch bulls, as well as grade cattle of various mixtures, but not a large show. Wilmington is quite a milk town, much of the product going to Malden, and there are some fine dairies. But there must be a great chance to increase the dairy products. Light as the soil seems to be, it is capable of producing good crops, and it would seem as though here if anywhere, ensilage might be used to advantage. There was a very good show of swine, and a fair display of poultry.

The main event of the day was the dinner and the Governor's address which followed. The dinner was held as usual in the "vestry" beneath the church, and the address was given in the auditorium of the church. Governor Long, who is equally at home at a cattle show and a denominational religious convention, discoursed for a half hour on the relation which such an organization as this club bears to the community, and as usual he delighted and instructed his audience. Brief addresses were also made by Rev. Dr. March of Woburn, G. A. Marden and C. A. Stott of Lowell, and Mr. Eames of Wilmington, and by President Sheldon. The latter said that the club had endeavored to carry out the work suggested by the Governor, and he was sure it had stimulated thought and effort among the farmers of Wilmington, and had been a benefit to the community.

As the premiums are a home matter I will not attempt to give them. The only farmers' exercise out of doors was a plowing match, for which there were three entries.

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The Farmers' and Mechanics' club of Wilmington held their 20th fair and cattle show on Thursday of last week. There was a very large attendance from all the neighboring cities and towns, notwithstanding the cool and cloudy weather. The plowing match took place about 9.30 o'clock. The first prize was won by Fred Brabant. The athletic sports took place on the common about 11 o'clock. In the 100-yard dash Henry Lynch won first prize. In the pipe race the first prize was captured by James Doyle, jr.; putting shot, Patrick Rooney, first; three-legged race, James Doyle and Patrick Rooney first; ladies' bicycle race, Miss Emma Murray first; men's bicycle race, Alfred Preble first; boys' bicycle race, Louis Holt first. The Woburn brass band furnished excellent music during the day. The usual farmers' dinner was served in the vestry of the Congregational church at noon. The exhibit of fruits and vegetables in the town was unusually large. The display of the ladies' handiwork of embroidery, crocheting, knitting, etc., was remarkably good. About 2 o'clock a large audience gathered in the Congregational church to listen to Elbridge Cushman of Middleboro, who gave a very interesting talk on country farming.

The ball game was very exciting on account of its being so near, but the North Readings beat by a score of 11 to 7. On account of a scrap with the umpire in the last inning the game was given to North Reading by a score of 9 to 0.

Milton T. Holt was marshal of the day, assisted by Joseph H. Richardson.

The electric cars did a big business in the afternoon.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' Club.

In February, 1875, sixteen of the farmers' and mechanics' of Wilmington thinking that some sort of a society for the social interchange of ideas might be beneficial to the town as a farming community met at the Town Hall and formed themselves into a club with the following

PREAMBLE.

We, the citizens of Wilmington, desirous of promoting Agriculture, Horticulture, and the Mechanics' Arts; and of cooperating in the acquirment and diffusion of practical knowledge pertaining to the farmers' and mechanics' occupation, agree to form ourselves into an organization for that purpose and to adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be called "The Farmers' and Mechanics' Club of Wilmington."

ART 2.—Its officers shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents: a Secretary: a Treasurer: and an Executive Com. of five who shall be chosen annually by ballot.

ART. 3.—Its members shall consist of such persons as shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws and pay annually the sum of One Dollar.

ART. 4.—Its meetings shall be held at such times and places as the Club may determine.

ART. 5.—This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority of the members present. Such amendment having been proposed at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Executive Com.

2. One of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.

3. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Club and conduct its correspondence.

4. The Treasurer shall secure all monies and pay the same on the written order of the President, counter-signed by the Secretary.

Those present at the first meeting and signing the Constitution were as follows: J. A. Shephard, H. Allen Sheldon, Otis C. Buck, W. Nason, Wm. H. Boutwell, George F. Eames, W. H. Carter, 2nd, John T. Wild, Chester W. Clark, John Owens, Dr. Henry Hiller, Horace Sheldon, Henry Sheldon, Daniel R. Upton, S. B. Bodwell, S. D. Hadley.

Dea. H. Allen Sheldon was chosen President, Chester W. Clark, Secretary, and Otis C. Buck, Treasurer.

Dea. Sheldon served as President seven years, being succeeded by Mr. Asa Potter who served three years. Mr. Levi Swain, Mr. John T. Wild and Mr. Edward Nelson Eames, each served one year as President. At the annual election of officers in January, 1894, Dea. Sheldon was again chosen president, and is presiding today as acceptably as in his first term, having lost none of his old-time popularity.

Mr. Clark served as Secretary two months when he resigned, his successor being Edw. M. Nichols, the present Sec.

In 1875 the Club planted several shade trees in front of the Congregational Church, only four of which lived and are now well grown specimens of that most beautiful of all shade trees, the elm. They also erected a band stand and a flag-staff in the same year.

The staff was blown down about two years ago during a severe thunder storm. At the Town Meeting, in March following, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to erect a flag-staff in place of the one destroyed. A committee of five were appointed to take the matter in charge. Mr. Sylvester Carter offered to present to the town any tree in his lot that should be considered suitable for the mast. Mr. John T. Wild offered the Union Ice Company's to draw the tree to the ground. Mr. George T. Eames offered to cut down the tree and Mr. Otis Gowing very kindly offered to furnish liquid refreshment (cider) for this herculean task, and if my memory serves me right, Mr. Arthur W. Eames offered to help drink the cider. The committee selected a tree from a lot owned by Mr. Wm. Gowing, who very generously presented it to the town, and once again "Old Glory" floats in the free winds of Heaven.

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DEACON H. ALLEN SHELDON.

M. L. B.

In giving a short sketch of the first and present president of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Club of Wilmington. I feel that a readier pen than mine is needed for a worthy portrayal, of a character as strong and individual, as any ever before produced on New England soil.

A man of strong convictions and inflexible determination, full of a quaint humor revealing itself whenever its possessor is in a talkative mood, in many a laughable anecdote of actual occurrence, and which the deacon has, with true Yankee thrift stored away in that wonderful memory of his —he stands alone in many respects, among his fellow-men.

His natural sociability enhanced by his real genius for story telling makes him an unusually agreeable companion and one much sought after at all the village gatherings.

He was born Jan. 18, 1830 at five o'clock in the morning, which doubtless accounts in part, for his life long propensity, in being up with the lark and also goes to prove that even at that tender age the embryo deacon had an eye to the main chance, as it is proverbially the early bird that catches the worm. At the time of his birth his father, Asa G. Sheldon, owned what is now known as the Perry farm, and there, as a boy Allen Harrison Sheldon received his first lessons in what was to be his life work.

Boy as he was he fell easily into the ways of farming which he has always followed, only now and then turning aside from the ordinary routine to 'dicker' in cattle, as he saw an opportunity to earn an honest penny. After farming a few years, he, at the age of 23 concluded it was not good for a man to live alone, and accordingly on Nov. 24, 1853, he married Miss Catherine Buck, daughter of Jonathan Buck of Wilmington, the ceremony being performed by Rev. James E. Swallow.

Six children, three boys and three girls, blessed their union and are all living today, but the dear one with whom he passed thirty-seven happy years, and who was a true helpmeet in every sense, has been called to her eternal home, and it is now two years since her pleasant face and loving smile brightened the home circle. Albeit the deacon never had the western fever to any extent he has suffered—I use the word advisedly—from several mild attacks of 'bettering himself.' The first time when as quite a young man he went as foreman on the farm of John Cummings of West Woburn, with whom he remained for ten years and then came back.

Once again, in later years, he went away, this time to Stoneham where he served as foreman for John Tidd. From this attack he recovered in about four months and came back never again to wander from his first love, old Wilmington.

Many years ago he identified himself with the Congregational church and more than once has held the office of deacon most acceptably to both pastor and people.

For several years his 'vacation' consisted in gathering up young cattle till he had quite a herd collected and then with one or more 'helpers' driving them up to Washington N. H. to pasture and going after them in the fall.

DEACON ALLEN SHELDON GIVES A FEW REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BUY A FARM IN WILMINGTON.

Because we are located within a circle of ten or more cities, and farms are cheaper here than in any adjoining town. Because our town has three distinct railroads passing through it, having more direct communication with these cities, which means greater facilities for quick and easy transportation of our produce into city markets; and every farmer, whether farming on a large or small scale, will at once realize the advantage of rushing his early garden truck into market while fresh; an advantage which is for his good in point of cash, and his reputation as a first-class farmer.

All this means a rise in real estate sooner or later. Again, in Wilmington, manure can be delivered by rail, on seven sidetracks in as many different localities, at a cost, not exceeding six dollars a cord, thus giving accommodations to a greater area.

Because produce can be sent to market by rail, at a cheap rate, the farmer has more time to superintend his farm. Because we have a great variety of soil, and because irrigation—which has become so important a factor in farming—is more feasible in Wilmington than in adjoining towns. Because we have successful farmers even though they have to haul their manure through Wilmington and then haul their produce through to market, making more labor and consequently more cost. Because our rate of taxation is low and is likely to be lower, as we are yearly lessening our debt, while adjoining towns are increasing theirs.

On the other hand, we need, and invite, the stimulating influence of intelligent farmers to come among us and help us make Wilmington what it should be—one of the best farming communities in the United States. We have hidden wealth in our various soils—affording opportunities, as it does, of raising as great a variety of crops—as we have different farmers, so that if one crop fails, we are sure of success with something else.

Come then, and see what we can offer you, before purchasing elsewhere.

EDITORIAL MUSINGS.

Well, here we are, and at the risk of reminding all our readers of the old saying that "fools rush in where angels fear to tread," we will attempt our first and only—and probably our readers will sincerely hope our last—editorial.

Unless we are much mistaken this little paper is the first venture of the kind by the Farmers' and Mechanics' Club.

The Methodist society has, for some years past, issued a small sheet, devoted to their church interests, called the Wilmington Methodist, so that we cannot claim to be the pioneers in journalism, in town, but possibly the two may be the foreshadowing of coming events, and we may before many years see other and more frequent publications in Wilmington. In short, we may print our own daily papers, and then we shall see the Wilmington Morning Shouter, crowd the Boston Globe to the wall, and the Lowell Journal succumb to the glory of our "Evening Comet." Then shall we be known throughout the land, as a live town, and our streets shall be alive with the hum of trade and traffic, and we shall no longer be looked upon as inhabitants of the frontier.

But all joking aside it seems incredible, that Wilmington, with markets so easy of access, and her railway facilities, should be so nearly at a standstill in a business sense.

What is wrong?

We have beautiful scenery, and a reputation for healthfulness, that bring the same people here, year after year, to make their summer home with us, and why is it that we cannot offer sufficient inducements, in a business way, for them to permanently locate here. It is not that we lack for intelligent men and women in the community, for we think we can claim for Wilmington, as much smartness and business ability, as any town of the same population in New England can boast of. Neither is it, that we are all so well supplied with the needful, that a trifle more money in circulation would be objectionable to us. But that we are more chary of parting with our ancestral acres, than is for our highest good, is a well known fact, and it may be too, that we are jealous of having our country quiet invaded, and of being moved ever so little out of the well-worn ruts into which we have settled.

If this is the case, then let us cordially welcome all overtures of a business nature we may have extended us, and give all possible help and encouragement to parties looking for a business location, to choose Wilmington in which to start.

The one fact, that even with our small population, we are now supporting four groceries and one bakery in flourishing condition would seem to indicate no lack of strength to do, and to dare; and that we should be able to at least assist in starting some other business in town, unless indeed, we desire to gain the rather unenviable reputation of merely living to eat.

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Since writing my former article one or two further items regarding the murder of the Harnden family in Reading or Wilmington have been found. The exact date was July 6, 1706, when three persons were killed by the Indians at Reading, saith the chronicleer. The reasons and particulars I have given in my previous article.

The diary of the celebrated Cotton Mather of Boston, just published, contains the following circumstance.

"25d, 4m. Tuesday, [June 25, 1706] Having been much solicited, by the people at Andover, a town almost thirty miles off, to come and preach a Lecture there, I did this day undertake the journey." . . . His calash was preserved from upsetting when the bad road brought him into danger, and on the following day he lectured to a great assembly, and after the lecture he returned the greater part of the way homewards.

"There was a singular providence of Heaven over me in my timing of this journey. For immediately upon it a descent of Indians from Canada, on this very part of the country, rendered the road so unsafe, that I durst by no means have traveled it. Yea, being desirous to do some good on the road in the woods, I called some children to me which I met there and bestowed some instructions with a little book upon them; which I understood afterwards made no little impression on the family, but it proved a family, which in a few days the Indians visited and murdered the mother and several of the children in it."

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Wilmington.

The citizens of Wilmington at their last annual March meeting, voted to establish a Public Library, and chose a Board of Trustees consisting twelve to manage the same. Trustees.—Cyrus L. Carter, Lemuel C. Eames, Charles W. Swain, John N. Eames, Wm. H. Carter. Wm. E. Gowing, Henry Sheldon, Warren Eames, Thomas D. Bond, J. B. Morris, Levi Swain, Jr., S. Carter, Jr. The Trustees in accordance with the above vote met at the Town Hall, Jan. 13th, inst, and organized by the choice of Cyrus L. Carter, Esq., as Chairman, and Chas. W. Swain, as Secretary. Cyrus L. Carter, Wm. H. Carter, and Charles W. Swain, were chosen a committee to prepare By-Laws for the management of the Library, and report at an adjourned meeting. The trustees will depend principally upon voluntary contributions of books, pamphlets and money. It is expected that the citizens, and all former residents who feel interested in the prosperity of the town, will lend a helping hand.

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MIDDLESEX CANAL FIRST OPENED IN UNITED STATES

Although contention has been in the past that other Towns in the United States are noted for more impressive historical marks, Wilmington can hold its own, in respect to the Middlesex Canal, which divides Wilmington with its neighbors on the West and Northwest.

An article recently appeared in the Boston Globe, and is reprinted as follows:

Canal At Wilmington

E. H. L. Cambridge. . . .The first canal opened in the United States for the transportation of passengers and merchandise was the Middlesex Canal, from Boston to Lowell. Col. Loammi Baldwin, the engineer, removed the first sod Sept. 10, 1794. The route lay from the Merrimac River, near what was later Middlesex Village, to Billerica, through the Concord River to the Shawsheen River, through Wilmington and Woburn to the Mystic River, and through Medford to Charlestown. Ruins of the aqueducts and locks are still seen along the route. From 1817 to 1836 the canal flourished, but with the building of the Lowell and Boston and the Lowell and Nashua Railroads, about two-thirds of the canal was diverted to these roads and the canal never paid afterward. In 1859 the Supreme Court of Massachusetts issued a decree declaring the franchise forfeited through disuse.

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THE OLD MIDDLESEX CANAL.

Daniel Gowing of Wilmington, midway between Boston and Lowell, on the line of the Southern division of the Boston & Maine, is one of the few living employes of the old Middlesex Canal Company, which, before the days of railroads, was an artery of great importance from the sea to Lowell and the North.

Mr. Gowing was associated with the scenes of more than a half-century ago, when canal boats plied a waterway designed for them in Massachusetts with much of the regularity expected of coastwise packets. But times have changed to a remarkable degree since this venerable gentleman was a lock tender in Wilmington. He knew the canal in its decaying period, saw the rapid growth of the old Lowell railroad, and witnessed the competition between canal boats and steam cars which eventually sent the canallers out of commission.

The history of this competition is very interesting. For miles the steam railroad skirted the banks of the canal; in fact, the big ditch was never out of hearing of the shrill screech of the locomotive whistle.

At the Gillis' lock in Wilmington, where for 10 years Mr. Gowing was employed, the railroad was separated from the canal by not more than 50 feet of embankment, and the two enterprises as they continued through Woburn and Winchester to Boston were almost shoulder to shoulder.

In 1803 the Middlesex canal was opened for business. Prior to that time the transportation of freight from the seaboard was accomplished by baggage wagons and caravans. Perhaps the greatest engineering difficulty of the canal, which connected the Merrimac at Chelmsford with the Charles river in Boston, was the series of locks at Horn pond in Woburn.

Three double locks were necessary to accomplish the purpose. The first was wood, near the corner of Canal and Sturgis streets, below which was a basin; the second of wood, about 1000 feet southerly of the first, while the third, of stone, was near the foot of Pond street.

Jonathan Clough for a long time was in charge of this particular lock system Another lock, toward Lowell, was built

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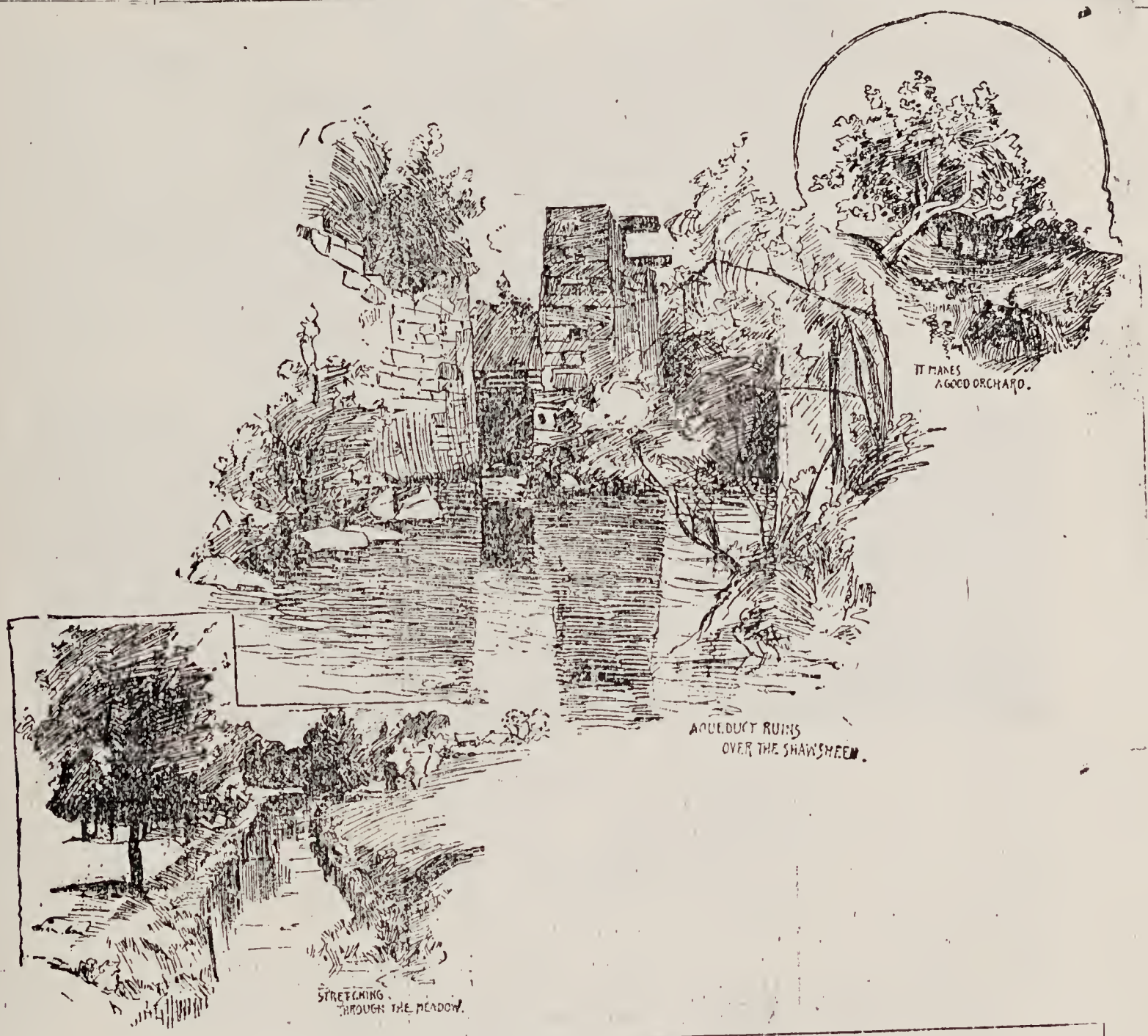

at the Wright estate, on Kilby street, and still further toward Lowell was the Gillis lock, where Mr. Gowing was in charge

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The old gentleman delights to tell of the historic waterway and its traditions. It was during the regime of Richard Frothingham, the historian, that he assisted in the unique method of transportation. The Gillis lock was not so important as the Horn pond series, some seven miles nearer Boston, yet Mr. Gowing found his time fully occupied in getting the canal boats past his station. There was ordinarily a depth of about five feet in this particular lock, but it could be flooded to 10 feet if necessary. At the Horn pond locks the great gates in the upper section were opened till the current backed up against the second gate. The boat was floated through the first lock, and when the gates of the first section had been closed, the second and third were opened in respective order till the craft had reached the lower canal. In going in the opposite direction, or toward the Merrimac, the process was reversed.

Of course, the canal had its express or passenger boats just as railroads of today operate freight and passenger trains. The packet of the period was the Gen. Sullivan, and she had the right of way. It is said that the captain of this passenger boat was considered a most fortunate fellow because of the position he occupied. But this same master of the Gen. Sullivan did not hold a pilot's certificate nor did he make use of the mysteries of compass and charts, sextant and quadrant. He took an occasional observation, but it extended only over the backs of the tow horses. He could not conscientiously drink a toddy on raising a light, the order of the light determining the number of drinks to the success of his passage, because no lighthouses welcomed him to land from off shore. When the Gen. Sullivan's commander lost his reckoning he jabbed a setting pole into the bank of the ditch and at once corrected his position.

In 1824 there was a Masonic dinner at the Gillis Locks. Tickets for the event were on sale at the bar of Wood's Tavern in Woburn, where the National Bank block now stands. This Masonic lodge was called Freedom lodge. It was consecrated Oct. 21, 1824, and the lodge room was in the second story of the tavern. Mt. Horeb lodge, F. A. M., now occupies apartments in the bank block on the same site

The Gen. Sullivan packet was a flat-bottomed scow. There was a cabin, a carpet and some berths. Two horses attached to a tow line were the motive power. These horses were urged at a trot and tin horns were blown to clear

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the way and notify other tows to get out of the packet's course.

It is interesting to note that the canal took on many of the characteristics of a river of considerable importance. There was a lumber yard in Woburn on the site of the present Public Library grounds, and a bark house at the junction of Winn and Middlesex streets.

Mr. Gowing recalls many examples of engineering in constructing the canal, one of which is the viaduct for the passage of water over the Shawsheen river, the ruins of which are in existence.

Mr. Gowing, the old lock tender, was born in Wilmington, March 20, 1821. He has always lived in that town, with the exception of a short time passed in Dracut. It was in 1841 when he first assumed charge of the locks and lockhouse, which building was something in the line of a store. When the canal went into disuse the walls of the lock were made use of for cellar underpinning. In other words, the house which Mr. Gowing now occupies was erected over the lock. So deep was the basin that considerable filling was required to give the cellar a proper depth. But it can safely be said that no house in the region has a more solid foundation. The house is located almost under the embankment, where Shawsheen avenue crosses the railroad tracks. Across the way is the original lockhouse, which is now used as a dwelling. It belongs to the Casneau estate.

In 1851 Mr. Gowing locked the last boat through the canal at his locks. It was the repair boat in charge of Patrick Guyton.

Mr. Gowing married Sarah Ames 50 years ago the 26th of March, and the elderly couple have lived in their present home nearly 40 years. They have four children, one of whom is Robert H. Gowing of Peabody, superintendent in a sheepskin factory.

Mr. Gowing enjoys fairly good health, but at the present time is confined to his bed with grip. If he recovers sufficiently Mr. and Mrs. Gowing will soon celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Ye Olde Middlesex Canal Toll-House

The photograph above is of the old toll-house which stands at the old entrance to the Middlesex Canal in Middlesex Village. It is now the property of the Hadley family and it has been agreed that they will give it to the city if the city is willing to remove it and preserve it. In the time of the canal, it was the office in which the father of the late Judge Samuel P. Hadley sat to colect the tolls of canalboats entering the canal, which sufficed to convey traffic between Lowell and Boston by way of Woburn. At present the toll-house is being slowly disintegrated by vandals who are gradually removing the wood of which it is built.

The suggestion has been made that the city remove the ancient building to some convenient point and establish in it a tourist information booth to be open during the period of heavy tourist travel. Various locations have been suggested, subject always to the obvious difficulty of finding any single spot which would serve all routes. The old building, however, has an historical value and well merits preservation. The suggestion of its use as an information booth was originated by Mr. Arnold Ryan, who has since advocated it strongly and has been instrumental in securing the consent of the Misses Hadley to giving the building to the city. Thus far no definite action has been taken.

Ancient Canal Toll House to Be Preserved

Middlesex Village Landmark Moved to New Location on 50th Anniversary of Move to Reconstruct Waterway.

On the 50th anniversary of the abortive effort of Frederick Taylor, George J. Carney and others in March, 1890, by petition to the legislature to gain permission to reconstruct the old Middlesex canal between Lowell and Boston harbor it is announced that the ancient toll house, long a landmark of Middlesex Village, has been preserved through removal to a new location.

This historic structure at the point where canal boats formerly passed from the canal into the Merrimack river has for some years past been in a condition to worry local antiquarians and historians. Through the public spirit of the Proctor Lumber Co., Middlesex street, North Chelmsford, it has been moved to the company's land where Norman Mason, of the company, has volunteered to repair and care for it.

The financial part of this preservation was made possible through the Misses Hadley, whose grandfather was the canal superintendent at Middlesex Village; Philip S. Marden, of the Courier-Citizen Co.; Henry Fessenden, of F. C. Church & Co., and Walter E. Wilson of E. A. Wilson. For a small amount contributed by these friends of the toll house the Canney brothers of Dracut carefully and successfully accomplished the removal, in which work they had the cordial co-operation of Police Chief M. H. Winn and Superintendent of Public Buildings William J. Gargan.

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BURIED IN A COSTLY COFFIN IN OWNER'S YARD.

Wilmington, July 27.—A pug dog, which for fourteen years had been a pet in the family of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Perkins, an aged couple, of 1118 West Eighth street, was buried yesterday with unusual ceremony.

It was laid out in a costly chestnut coffin with silver trimmings, on the lid of which was a plate bearing the inscription, "Our Darling." A leading undertaker was in charge. Many neighbors, young and old, viewed the body, which rested in the coffin on a silk blanket, and was surrounded by flowers, sweet peas and asparagus ferns predominating.

The dog was buried in a grave four feet deep in the yard of its owner.

A HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Why not?

It is, I believe, generally understood by Wilmington people that I am collecting material for a history of our town.

Judging from the uniform courtesy and willingness to impart information and assist me in my researches, by my towns-people, I am of the opinion that there is a widespread interest in the subject of not only learning more about Wilmington's past, but in perpetuating for posterity what can be rescued from oblivion at this time and also the doings of the day.

From an absence of apreciation that future generations might be interested in the everyday happenings of individual life, excepting in rare cases, people of Wilmington's early days did not leave any tangible memoranda calculated to be a memorial of a personality—more's the pity.

Then again, the sons and daughters have been neglectful in preserving mementoes of their parents, not realizing that a few generations away, facts would become only traditions.

Fortunately in some few instances, diaries, private papers, documents, etc., have evidently been left with the distinct intention of imparting information to later generations—judging by the clean-cut chirography and careful transmission to members of one's family. From such exceptions we gather historical facts and are able to transcribe accurate and faithful accounts and data so interesting and necessary in unearthing, for current and future use, authentic material.

Less perishable than papers and documents, furniture, ornaments, relics, books, pictures, garments, military paraphernalia and things of this class I find to be exceedingly plentiful in Wilmington. They tell a dumb story, 'tis true, of a more or less obscure past, but they are replete with association, hallowed by the touch of time, sacred from having been the lares and penates of ancestors who have long passed to the "great unknown." They should be preserved.

You may say they are preserved—but how? They are, in many cases, scattered to the four winds of heaven, a long way from the hearth stones they once graced; in the hands of entire strangers, without the significance attached to locality, preserved without a history.

Every auction sale of old estates, with the accumulation of years, the mis-called "rubbish" of the attics, makes me shudder; for it means that the bonfire, the dealer in antiques, the curio hunter, are to divide, to separate from their continuity, things which belong only together, apart have no significance.

Only a few years ago, at the sale of the effects of Miss Elizabeth Blanchard, a lineal descendant of Cadwallader Ford, who was identified with the ante-Revolutionary period of Wilmington, the muster roll of Wilmington's Revolutionary quota was permitted to pass into the hands of a dealer, as were a couple or three commissions, one signed by Hancock, besides other documents relating to Wilmington's history.

I do not believe that commercial values should ever be permitted to weigh in the question of things so pertinent to local history. I do not believe that things which properly belong in Wilmington should be allowed to wander away from the fold—it's dangerous. For instance: The muster roll above mentioned was sent to New York city on consignment; the firm receiving it failed, and its stock sold for benefit of creditors. In all probability, it is lost "in the shuffle," for, at present, no trace of it can be found.

Now, a Historical Society established in Wilmington, with a suitable place of security for articles either loaned or donated, would become a Mecca for the preservation of the tangible relic of our forefathers, and be the mean of preserving a thousand things whic will, otherwise, be lost or scattered be yond the hope of re-collection.

ARTHUR THOMAS BOND.

Sept. 20, 1898.

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From New England Farmer
March 1865

Editorial.

THE BALDWIN APPLE.

What the Concord is among grapes, what the Bartlett has been among pears, the Baldwin is among apples, with perhaps this difference: that while the former are being constantly threatened by new varieties which claim the attention, and seek the favor of growers, the latter is growing continually more and more the favorite as a market fruit. The Baldwin is not, according to our taste, an apple of first quality as a dessert fruit, nor is it the best apple for cooking. The Rhode Island Greening, Hubbardston Nonesuch, Peck's Pleasant, Esopus Spitzenberg and Roxbury Russet have each merits not possessed by the Baldwin, and yet the latter excels them all in the sum of its excellences.

With our increasing fruit trade with England, the Baldwin gets another push to the front, for our English cousins generally choose highly colored red apples, and there are few that excel the Baldwin in color when properly grown in the Northern States. The Baldwin, except at the extreme North, is hardy, a vigorous, handsome grower, a great bearer every second year, and the fruit keeps well. Its prolificacy is almost a fault, as it overbears unless the fruit is thinned early in the season, and this is doubtless the chief cause of its bearing almost wholly in alternate years. By judicious thinning, this habit could doubtless be controlled to considerable extent by the orchardist, though whether it would pay to try to get crops from the same trees every year, may be a question for differences of opinion.

The Baldwin having gained such a prominent place in the hearts, as well as the stomachs, of the people of both hemispheres, we are not surprised to receive from a subscriber to the Farmer, an inquiry concerning the origin and history of the variety. As near as can be ascertained from accounts given of this apple from time to time, in the old volumes of the New England Farmer, and other agricultural and horticultural publications, the history of the Baldwin can be traced to the original tree planted on a farm in Wilmington, Mass., owned at that time, by a Mr. William Butters, who took the tree from what was known as Woodhill, in the present town of Burlington. Mr. Butters set a high value upon the apple, but allowed friends to cut scions from it for propagation. The original tree became in time, a favorite resort for woodpeckers, which suggested to Mr. Butters the name Woodpecker, or Pecker apple, names by which it was at that time commonly known, though it was sometimes called the Butters apple, and Mr. Butters, it is said, was very indignant on learning that the name of Baldwin had been substituted for his favorite one of Woodpecker.

Thirty-three years ago, Dr. Silas Brown of Wilmington, communicated to the New England Farmer, a copy of a certificate that he had procured from Simeon Butters, a grandson of William Butters, who planted the original tree. Simeon Butters states that the tree ceased to bear fruit about the year 1822, and that his grandfather, who planted the tree, died about thirty years previous to that date, and was "a very aged man." Simeon Butters' father, James Butters, who died in his 97th year, repeatedly told his son that "Col. Baldwin of Woburn"—probably Col. Loammi Baldwin—"took grafts from the Woodpecker tree," and it was from Col. Baldwin's efforts and those of his sons, in disseminating the variety, that it came to take the name by which it is now universally known.

The Baldwin, under its different names, has now been well known as a variety worthy of cultivation about 130 years. Several conflicting accounts have, at different times, been published concerning the origin and history of the Baldwin. It has been claimed that the hollow left from the decay of the original stump had been marked by a monument erected by a late owner of the estate upon which the tree grew, but as the accounts differ so widely in the names of both men and localities, and as no one, so far as we are aware, claims any present knowledge of such a monument we can give little credence to the reports. The Baldwin is raising its own monument in the many thousands of young trees that its merits cause to be planted every year, in all parts of the world suited to its growth.

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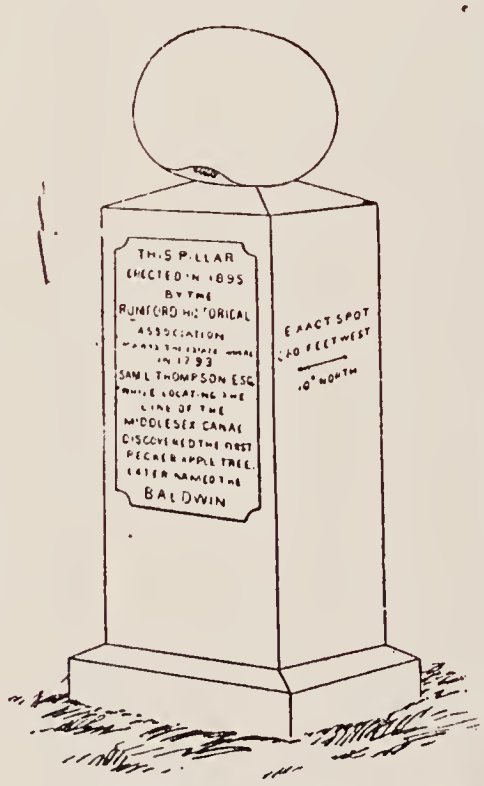
...R THE BALDWIN APPLE

[From the Woburn News.]

...rge picture of the Baldwin apple ...ument, which stands in Wilmington, ...st beyond the Woburn boundary line, will form a novel exhibit at the exhibition in Paris. The department of pomology at Washington has asked for a photograph of the odd block of stone, and copies have been forwarded by the Rumford Historical Association of Woburn, that they may be enlarged and properly framed. Probably no other section of the country can point to a monument erected to a special variety of fruit, and this pillar is, therefore, unique. The Baldwin apple is world-renowned. This variety constitutes the largest proportion of the apples exported from this country, filling more than three-fourths of the barrels that are sent annually abroad.

The monument is a block of granite about eight feet tall, surmounted by a representation of an apple, fashioned from stone. It stands on a ledge near what is known as Butter's Row pond.

The monument was erected by Leonard Thompson of Woburn, who purchased the ledge and a right of way to it, the deed calling for $1. The memorial was then given by him to the Rumford Historical Association.



[Cut by courtesy of The Woburn News.]

One inscription on the monument is as follows:

"This pillar, erected in 1895 by the Rumford Historical Association, incorporated April 28, 1877, marks the estate where, in 1793, Samuel Thompson, Esq., while locating the line of the Middlesex canal, discovered the first Pecker apple tree, later named the "Baldwin."

Another inscription states that the exact location of the tree was 340 feet west, 10 deg. north.

The story of the discovery of the tree, as contained in a letter written by Col. Leonard Thompson to the Hon. Charles Woodman, follows:

"Samuel Thompson was a surveyor of land, and while on duty one fall day in a pasture near a road called Butter's Row road, he came across a tree with fine looking apples thereon. He said he carried home some of the fruit and gave his brother, Abijah, some of it, and they were so highly pleased that they procured a lot of scions from the tree and set them in trees around their homes, and they soon began to yield fruit. They gave some to Col. Baldwin, their neighbor, and he valued them so highly he went into them deeply and spread them among his friends broadcast, and they had no name for them, and of course they gave them his name. While they were in Thompson's hand they were called Pecker apples, after the old bird."

This letter was written by Col. Thompson when he was 92 years old to prove the locality of the discovery, and to show how the name of the apple originated.

The Col. Loammi Baldwin, whose name the apple bears, was an officer of revolutionary fame, the builder of the Middlesex canal and father of Loammi Baldwin, the famous civil engineer. The colonel named the apple about 1794, and his death occurred in 1807. The family estate is located in Woburn, in the northerly part of the city.

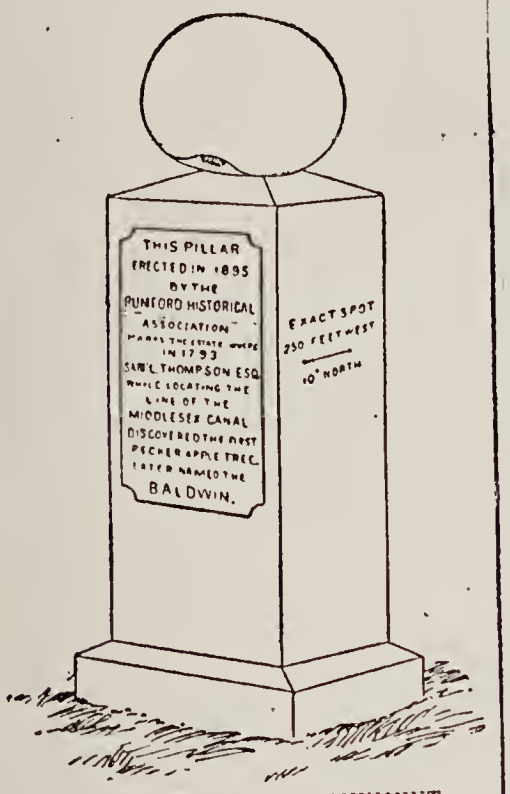
About 1854 the Baldwin family took steps to erect a monument to the apple, and Cyrus Thompson made a map, now extant, to show the location of the tree. But the plan did not materialize. Some years ago, Edgar B. Thompson of Chicago, a son of the late Leonard Thompson, was asked by his father to design a pillar to be erected in the locality. A few offhand strokes of a pencil, and the lines were made and later copied in stone. The inscription was written by Leander Thompson of North Woburn, in conjunction with the donor of the monument.

The request for a picture of the memorial was received by Judge Edward F. Johnson of Woburn, who is president of the historical society, and was turned over to L. Waldo Thompson, another son of the donor, who complied. Word has been received from Washington that the picture is in every way satisfactory, and will be exhibited at the Paris exposition.

MONUMENT TO AN APPLE

Rumford Historical Association Marks the Estate on Which the Baldwin Variety Was Discovered.

WILMINGTON, May 26—The Rumford historical association of Woburn will erect a monument where about 100 years ago was discovered the Baldwin apple.



THE BALDWIN APPLE MONUMENT.

Samuel Thompson of Woburn, while surveying a route for the Middlesex canal, discovered this apple. His attention had been drawn to it by the number of woodpeckers which gathered about the tree on account of the apples.

Mr Thompson thought it a new variety, and as it pleased his taste he called the attention of his neighbors to it, and he and his brother hastened to graft from it many trees on their own estates.

It was first called the "pecker" apple, then the "Butters" apple, from the owner of the land where the tree was found

The brothers Thompson were indefatigable in their efforts to disseminate it far and wide, and for miles around the people secured scions and grafted their trees.

The neighbor and friend of the Thompsons, Col Loammi Baldwin, the eminent engineer, showed the fruit to his many guests, who came from distant parts of the country, and this did much for the spread of the apple's fame, which in a few years came to be known as the "Baldwin."

The granite shaft which is to be erected by the Rumford historical association of Woburn is seven feet high, and is surmounted by a representation of a Baldwin apple.

It will stand on a lot of land purchased of George L. Taylor, on Chestnut st, formerly known as Butters' row, and near the roadway.

The shaft will be placed in position within a month.

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DISCOVERY OF THE "BALDWIN."

The Baldwin apple is New England's favorite. Its discoverer was Col. Laomi Baldwin, of Woburn. While he was engaged in surveying land in Wilmington, he observed a tree on the land of James Butters much frequented by woodpeckers. Curiosity led him to examine the tree, and he found on it apples of excellent flavor.

The next spring he took from it scions to engraft into stocks of his own. Other persons in his neighborhood did the same, till the apple was extensively cultivated.

Some named the apple from the locality of the tree, Butters' apple; others, from the birds who caused the discovery, Woodpeckers' apple.

One day, at an entertainment of friends at the house of Col. Baldwin, it was suggested that the name "Baldwin apple," in honor of the discoverer, was the most appropriate, and it has since been known by his name. The original tree was destroyed by the famous September gale in 1815.

The Baldwin Apple

A rough hewn, sturdy granite slab, standing at a turn on quiet Chestnut Street in Wilmington, marks the birthplace of the best known American apple—the Baldwin.

Dr. Boyd of Massachusetts State College visited this fruit growers' shrine, and is shown reading the inscription. "This pillar, erected in 1898 by the Rumford Historical Association, marks the estate where, in 1798, Samuel Thompson Esq., while locating the line of the Middlesex Canal, discovered the first pecker apple tree, later named the BALDWIN."

The original tree has fallen, but an army of its decendants has sprung up to provide us with our favorite winter apple. Fruit growers might well make a
to the Baldwin apple m
Wilmington.

The far famed Baldwin that for nearly two centuries has stood pre-eminent as King among apple trees for furnishing fruit best adapted, both by its spicy flavor and keeping qualities, for general cultivation, is soon to receive lasting recognition from its many friends, in the form of a monument with suitable inscription thereon, to be erected on a large boulder in front of the house now owned by Loring Taylor, and which was formerly owned by William Butters, the original discoverer of the apple. It is now over two years ago since Charles Swain of this town first broached the subject to certain members of the Historical society of Woburn, indicating the most appropriate spot for the erection of such memorial, and furnishing a photograph of the boulder in question. Since then the matter has been more or less discussed, till now it is so far an assured fact that the tablet is in process of construction at Milford, N. H., and will be ready for erection some time in May The stone will be about 7 feet high, 3 feet wide and 16 inches thick, weighing about two tons.

William Butters, grandfather of the late Simeon Butters, a well remembered resident of South Wilmington, first discovered the tree in Woodhill, and transplanted it to his farm, now the Loring Taylor place. His attention was first called to it through watching some woodpeckers busily at work on the bark, and on going nearer found it an apple tree in bearing. It was first called the Woodpecker, and later the Butters apple. Some years later scions were taken from it by Colonel Loammi Baldwin, of what is now North Woburn, who re-christened it the Baldwin apple, much to the chagrin, it has been said, of the original discoverer. William Butters died, a very old man, about 1790. The parent tree ceased fruiting in 1822 or thereabouts, but descendants of the famous tree still live, and flourish today in every orchard and nearly every back yard in New England, as thriftily as when the woodpeckers claimed it for their own in the barberry wilds of old Woodhill.

It is fitting that the month of May, when all apple trees in their gala dress of pink and white are showering fragrance with every passing breeze, be chosen for the erection of a symbol perpetuating the good qualities of that good old standard apple, the Baldwin. Now while we begrudge no praise bestowed on the human discoverer of our favorite apple, we would earnestly advocate devoting a wee corner of that monument to grateful remembrance of that great-great-great old grandfather of a woodpecker who proved himself such a real benefactor to humanity by so persistently pecking into notice one of the best apples the world has ever known.

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AMOUS BALDWIN APPLE.

Interesting Story of Its Discovery by the Action of a Woodpecker in an Old Tree and Its Subsequent History.

COL BALDWIN AND HIS APPLE.

King Solomon in all the splendor and luxury of his royal court indicated what fruit most gratified his sensitive palate when he used the figure. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

From the palace of the king to the cot of the most humble peasant have come words of commendation for the most luscious fruit, the apple, but it is to New England that one must turn as the home of the choicest variety.

New England hospitality is not realized in all its fullness until, seated about the hearthstone of an ancestral mansion, one passes the long hours of a winter's evening in the midst of the ideal family. At such a time, what is it to one that old Boreas piles up the snow before the door and whistles through the orchard? The bountiful harvest has been gathered, and at the opening of the year the apple presents its most luscious flavor.

The pride of the host of such a New England home is the fruit of his own orchard, which he exultingly spreads before his guest.

And this is the baldwin apple!

What was the origin of this rosy-cheeked blessing, is a question that is very frequently asked. The honor of conferring this blessing upon mankind has been sought by many, and the circumstances attending it must be of interest to all.

The student of sacred history has learned that it was a bird that brought to anxious Noah the evidence of better things in the deluged world. And all agree that it was one of the feathered tribe that arrested the attention of a thoughtful man, and led to the discovery of the baldwin apple.

The ancient settlement of Woburn comprised several townships, and it is within this territory, which has had a municipal existence for two and a half centuries, that the baldwin apple had its origin.

The name is one that graces the records of this ancient town from its early days. It is reasonable to admit that the Baldwins were familiar with every acre of ground in Woburn. The immigrant ancestor—Henry—from Devonshire, Eng, was a subscriber, in Charlestown to the town orders for Woburn for 1640, and after that a distinguished citizen and freeman of the colony.

His share of the common lands fell to New Bridge or North Woburn and here his descendants in each generation have had their abode. Henry Baldwin, deacon of the church from 1686 to his death in 1716, married Phebe Richardson, probably across the Atlantic. That they were persons of distinction in the colony is indicated by the house which they built and where they set up their home in 1661, and which is still owned in the family, so that some of the ancestral acres are daily trod by the descendants of Henry and Phebe.

Leaving the Baldwin home and following the plan, which is a copy of the original kept at the Rumford house in North Woburn, and now for the first time given to the general reader, we come to the spot where Col Loammi Baldwin, and, perhaps his neighbor Thompson, first saw the fruit which through their sagacity and perseverance was made to bless mankind.

Col Baldwin, great-grandson of deacon Henry, was a scientific man and a skillful surveyor. Some years after the revolution, where Col Baldwin distinguished himself as a military leader, he was engaged in surveying on the Butter land in Wilmington for the Middlesex canal, and first saw the apple destined to give him greater notoriety than all his military exploits of the war for independence had done.

His attention was arrested by the woodpecker, a red-capped bird that was having for its abode the hollow part of an apple tree on which he detected some red and attractive fruit. One of a less scientific turn of mind might have passed this tree without sampling its fruit, or if having done so, might never have thought of it again.

Not so, however, this keen man, who with Benjamin Thompson (Count Rumford) had attended Prof Winthrop's lectures at Cambridge in 1770. They were both thoughtful observers of nature and their adjoining estates soon became the territory for propagating the apple which the woodpecker had brought to their notice.

Just how the apple ever came to the state of perfection in which it was at first found difficult to determine.

"Did a native American crab apple tree, either at "Butler's row" or elsewhere, by any force within its own bark, with or without the attendance of the woodpecker, develop into one whose sap so fascinated the red-headed birds and whose fruit so captivated human eyes by its beauty and the palate by its exquisite flavor? Or did some seedling of European origin find its way to the American wilderness and cultivate itself to such perfection?"

Doubtless the birds had a share in conferring the blessing, the atmosphere and soil of New England contributed not a little, and all had combined to produce a fruit in New England, the value of which the most scientific horticulturist has been glad to acknowledge.

The art of budding and grafting was not generally known at this time. Horticultural societies were rare, and there was no competition in the propagation of fruits. No doubt, Baldwin and Thompson alike took grafts from the woodpecker's favorite retreat during the following spring, and set them in trees of their own, separated only by a dividing fence.

When the young scions began to bear fruit, these men were free with the rosy samples, and equally free with the scions.

They were not looking for a monopoly, a corner in apples was not their object. They were broad-minded, philanthropic, scientific, ready to bless mankind without delegating to themselves any of the honors which later generations have found of sufficient importance to lead to many contentions.

For some years this luscious red apple, being rapidly propagated, the most desirable when the winter was at its hight, was known by a variety of names. It was the "Butters apple" from the man who owned the land where the decaying tree was first noticed by the Woburn scientist.

It was called the Thompson apple in honor of the associate of Col Baldwin. To those of a more poetical turn it was the "wood pecker," or for short, "pecker," and even with others it was the "red graft," but the principle of "honor to him to whom honor is due" at length prevailed.

Col Loammi Baldwin was well and extensively known. On account, doubtless, of his enlarged acquaintance with mathematics, and his familiarity with arts connected therewith, he was chosen a member of the American academy of arts and sciences and received from Harvard college in 1785 the honorary degree of master of arts. He was a large property owner, was a member of the general court at one time and also high sheriff of the county.

His social relations and business transactions gave him an extended acquaintance, and in all their channels he had been persistent in recommending and free in distributing the apples, and hence they became associated with his name and by common consent received the appellation of baldwin.

This apple was duly christened in the Baldwin house by Col Loammi Baldwin. It is said that this eminent gentlemen had a party of friends at his house to dine, when he set before them a dish of these apples, and one of his guests, admiring their good qualities, asked him by what name they were known? Perhaps, recalling a similar feast in a palatial court when King Charles gave to the roasted rib the name Sir-loin, Col Baldwin replied: "By no name in particular; call them, if you please, Baldwin apples."

The name for this choice fruit, which Col Baldwin had in his mind, is apparent from a letter to Count Rumford under date of Nov 4, 1799, the count being then a resident in another county:

My Dear Count—In the cask of fruit which your daughter and Mr Rolfe have sent you there are half a dozen apples of the growth of my farm, wrapped up in papers, with the name of Baldwin apples written upon them. If these apples should continue in a state of preservation until you receive them, and you happen to be in company with any good connoisseurs in the distinguishing characters of that kind of fruit, it would gratify me much to know the true English name of it. However, I rather doubt whether the nice characters of this apple will answer exactly to any particular species of English fruit, as it is, I believe, a spontaneous production of this country, that is, it was not originally engrafted fruit.

The baldwin apple was regarded, a half century ago, of sufficient importance to lead the state legisture to take action in regard to the fruit. A committee was chosen to gather up all the facts, examine conflicting records and traditions and report to this legal body.

This committee consisted of Hon Marshall P. Wilder chairman, Asa G. Sheldon of Wilmington, James F. Baldwin, a son of Col Loammi Baldwin of Woburn, and Cyrus Thompson, a civil engineer of that town.

These eminent men faithfully performed the duty imposed upon them. It was then that the plan above represented was accurately made by the last named of the committee, who not only had a scientific interest in the subject, but, being of the family of the neighbor and warm friend of Col Baldwin, he had a personal interest.

It was then fully decided to erect a stone monument at the spot where nature first exhibited this blessing of mankind—the mother tree—but circumstances did not permit.

A clear-headed grandson of Col Baldwin, now of four-score years, owning and occupying a share of the ancestral acres on which the apples were first brought to the notice of the public, said the other day to a GLOBE correspondent:

"A have visited the spot where my grandfather first tasted the apple. There is no indication of the tree at present. It was destroyed by the great gale of September, 1815, as were many other much more youthful trees. I have plucked and eaten apples from the tree of the next generation, which has been succeeded by another tree whose fruit is now showing signs of decay."

The baldwin apple is worthy of notice, not simply for the gratification it gives the palate, but is a most important article of export. It was Hon Marshall P. Wilder who wrote of the apple: "The baldwin apple constitutes the largest portion of the apples exported from our market, filling more than three-fifths of the 600,000 barrels annually sent abroad."

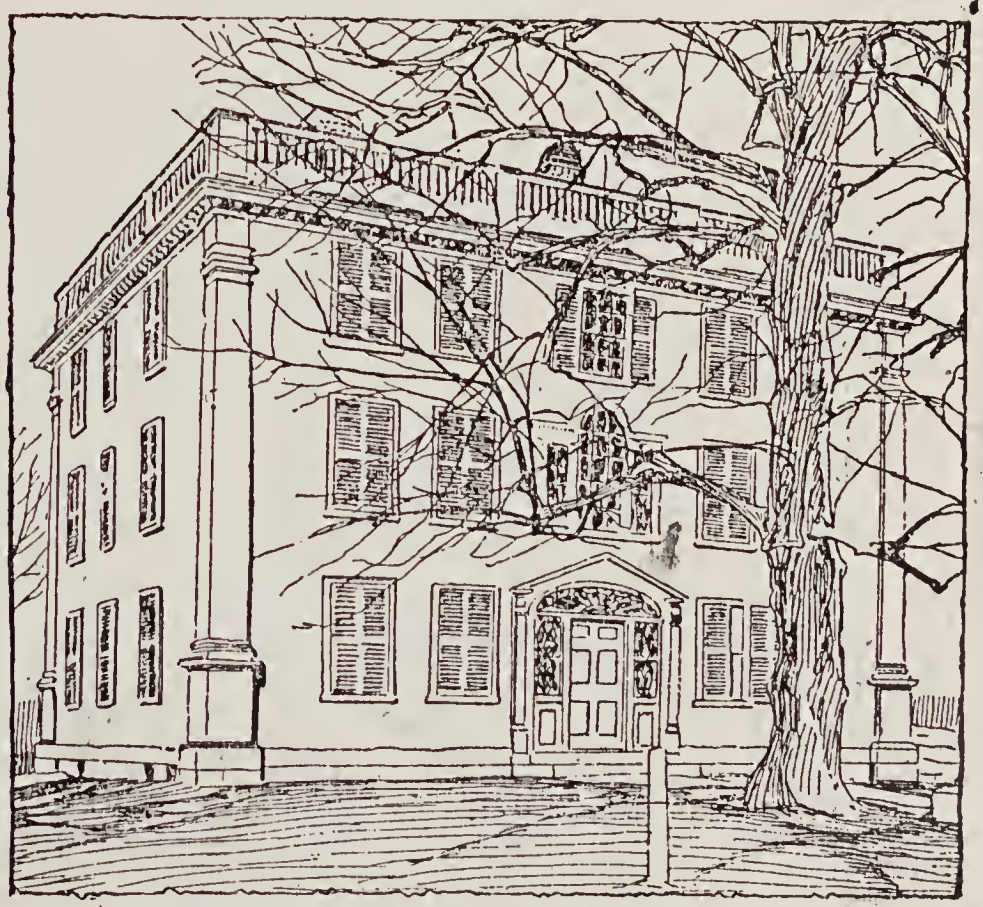
The Winn family, so famous in New England and especially in Middlesex county, had their farms near that of Col Baldwin. William Winn writes in 1885: "I have an orchard on my farm containing 200 baldwin apple trees. My father raised these trees in his nursery, budded and put them where they now stand 51 years ago, it being the first year of their bearing much. I sold to Benjamin Davis, who kept a stall in Faneuil hall market, Boston, 400 barrels of No. 1s and 2s, which was said to have been the largest crop raised by any person at that time. Seventy-five years ago probably there were not 500 barrels raised in New England in any one year."

King Solomon has recorded that "the glory of children are their parents," so in a sense the most interesting feature of the history of the baldwin apple is its origin in the mother tree up in Wilmington, furnishing a home for the woodpeckers, who alone, for many years must have enjoyed the luscious fruit.

Like others who have conferred unspeakable blessings upon their fellow-men, none who are credited with first disseminating this apple reaped financial benefit. But the baldwin apple is and must be a more enduring monument than marble or granite to the memory of the one whose name it bears.

It is no lemon which our Massachusetts Wilmington has had handed to it in the course of a long New York Sun editorial headed "An Apple Honored." Says ye ed.:

"This town has made a monument of an apple. There, fixed upon a suitable base, lies an apple made of granite. Beneath it is an inscription that informs the traveler how, on a farm near by, the first Baldwin was grown. There is the implication, of course, that the Baldwin is the best of all possible apples. The raising of the monument was a praiseworthy gesture. It is a worthy and honorable thing, indeed, that the virtues sung in literature should be thus made fast in stone. The happy example may provoke other towns to go and do likewise."



THE OLD BALDWIN HOUSE THAT HAS STOOD SINCE 1661.

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ORIGINAL BALDWIN APPLE TREES ON OLD THOMPSON PLACE, WILMINGTON.

ALL AMERICA IS TO HONOR THE APPLE TODAY

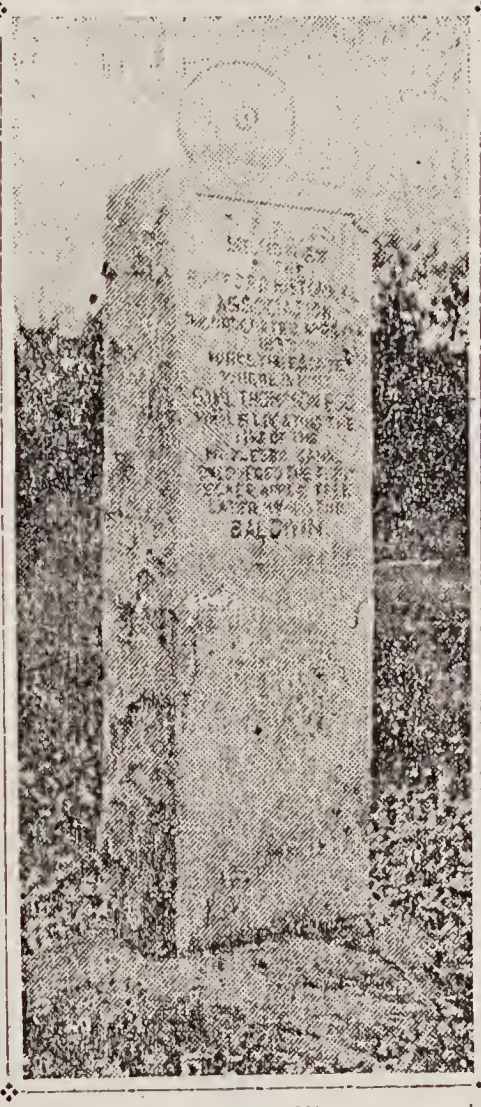
New England Fruit Dealers to Journey to the Farm Where the King of Fruit, the "Baldwin," Was Discovered.

Today is "Apple Tuesday." From coast to coast the farmers and fruit growers will celebrate by replanting young trees and trimming up their orchards. In the schools all over the country instruction will be given in planting, pruning and grafting fruit trees. An appeal has been made to chefs and stewards to have on their menus dishes which have apples as their basis, with the result that the fruit tradesmen of the larger cities have been taxed to their utmost to deliver the heavy consignments.

Origin of the Day.

"Apple Tuesday" had its birth as a result of the Fruit Growers' exhibit at the St. Louis Fair. At a joint meeting of the many societies represented there it was voted that, as the apple was the king of all fruits, one day each year should be set apart for the purpose of paying homage to the king, and the third Tuesday of October was designated.

The fruit dealers are showing the way in the matter of celebrating, and today a large number of them from all over New England will leave Boston on a pilgrimage to Wilmington, where they will visit the old Baldwin farm and take a feast upon the luscious fruit on the spot where the Baldwin apple, king among kings, was first discovered. The old farmhouse, now more than 200 years old, is still standing, and with its low-studded rooms, wide chimney place and old ovens is an object of interest to thousands yearly.



Monument to Samuel Thompson, who discovered the Baldwin apple.

Granite Shaft on Site.

Although the original tree is not now standing, its site is marked by a granite shaft, and two trees, grafted from the original, shade the little old farmhouse and bear heavy burdens of luscious fruit for the present occupants of the farm.

The monument is a plain shaft of polished granite, topped by an apple. It bears the inscription: "This pillar, erected in 1895, by the Rumford Historical Society, marks the estate where, in 1793, Samuel Thompson, Esq., discovered the first Pecker appletree, later named the Baldwin."

Origin of Name "Pecker."

There are several other claimants to the honor of discovering the tree, among them Col. Baldwin and William Butters, upon whose property the tree was found. Since the present monument was erected documents have been found which indicate that the apple was known nearly ten years before the date given, but the identity of the original discoverer is still doubtful.

The Pecker apple, as it was first known, received its name from the rather curious fact that its discoverer, whether Col. Baldwin, Mr. Thompson or some other, was attracted to the tree by the large number of woodpeckers who infested it, feeding on its sweet sap.

Apples to Washington.

Whoever discovered the apple, it is certain Colonel Baldwin first introduced it to the market, and for this reason the apple came to bear his name. Mr. Baldwin was a rich, old colonial gentleman, with many friends not only in the colonies but in England, and it is recorded that he shipped specimens of the juicy red apples to Gen. Washington, Thomas Jefferson and many other prominent men of the time. He planted many grafts from the original tree, and spread the apple and its fame throughout the colonies and England, and thus gave to apple-lovers of another generation a fruit which is well known as the king of kings.

"Apple Day" was observed yesterday by the fruit growers and dealers of New England in a manner befitting the king of all fruits. The main event of the day was the pilgrimage to the old Butters farm, in Wilmington, where the Baldwin apple was discovered, nearly 125 years ago.

A large number made the pilgrimage, and they viewed with much interest the monument erected to mark the site of the original tree, the old farmhouse, and the two trees grafted from the original Baldwin. They were treated to a feast of apples gathered upon the old estate, and returned to Boston satisfied that the Baldwin is the king of kings in the fruit line.

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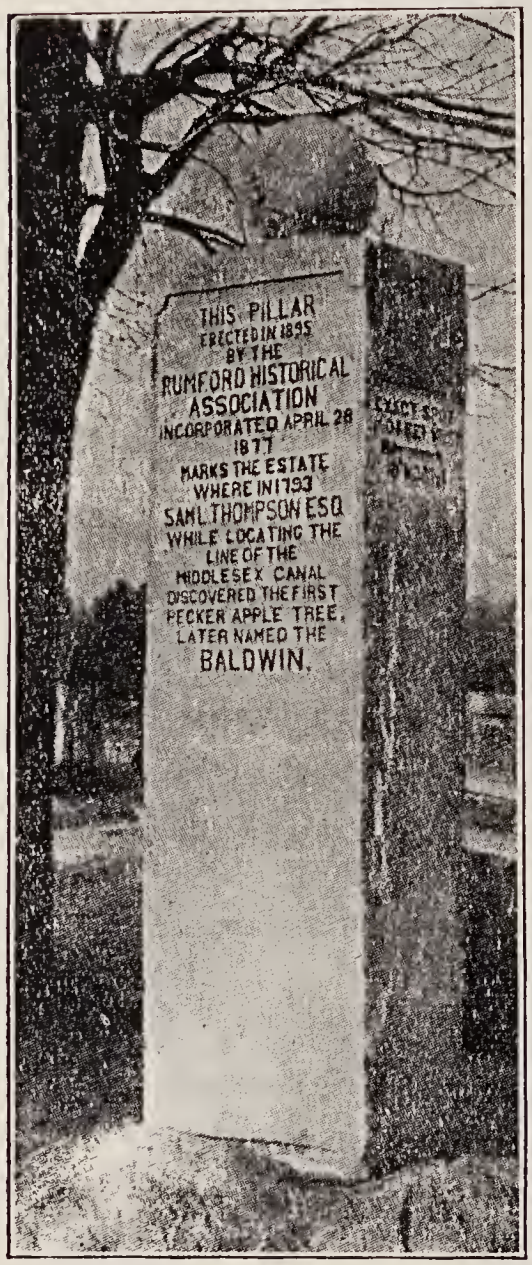
THE ORIGIN OF THE BALDWIN APPLE

Wilmington has several interesting landmarks. One is the site of the original Baldwin apple tree near the old Middlesex Canal, marked by a stone monument on Chestnut street opposite the William B. Snowman estate. Here



BALDWIN APPLE MONUMENT, WILMINGTON, MASS.

is the story of how the Baldwin apple was given to the world.

In 1780 Colonel Loammi Baldwin was called by his duties as sheriff to Wilmington. While here his attention was attracted by an extraordinary gathering of woodpeckers upon an apple tree which stood by itself in an open field. On investigation he discovered that the fruit of the tree was of an excellent, but unknown variety. Gathering scions he grafted them upon his own trees and scattered them broadcast throughout the county of Middlesex. Thus the "Baldwin" apple, unsurpassed in hardihood and productiveness, was brought to public notice. The original tree was destroyed by a gale in 1815.

The Baldwin apple is indigenous to the soil of ancient Middlesex and Colonel Baldwin believed it was a spontaneous production.

COUNT RUMFORD

How many know that some of Wilmington's ancient scholars received instruction from a renowned count and English knight?

In 1768 and 1769 an ambitious boy of sixteen years was teaching school in Wilmington. That boy was none other than Benjamin Thompson, who later was knighted by George III of England, and on whom the title Count Rumford was conferred by Charles Frederick the Elector of Bavaria.

BALDWIN APPLE TREE POPULARIZED BY RIPLEY

Every day in the Boston Daily Record appears cartoons of happenings all over the world under the caption "Believe It or Not" by Ripley.

Mr. Ripley played a very interesting cartoon in the Monday morning Record, when he sketched a picture of the monument erected to the Baldwin Apple.

The caption under the sketch read "A monument to an Apple, Wilmington, Mass." and showed in clear marked letters the letterings on the famous monument, to wit:

This Pillar
Marks The Estate
Where The
BALDWIN
Apple Tree
Was Discovered By
Sam'l Thompson
in 1793
Erected 1895

There are many in the town who will know the exact location of this pillar and the history attached. The monument marks a spot on the edge of the Old Middlesex Canal, running between Boston and Lowell, where Samuel Thompson, during the building of the canal discovered the apple tree and thus named the apples, and is situated on the northwesterly side of Chestnut street, just after turning a sharp bend in the road beyond Butters Row.

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The Baldwin Apple.

A rough hewn, sturdy granite slab, standing at a turn on quiet Chestnut Street in Wilmington, marks the birthplace of the best known American apple—the Baldwin.

Dr. Boyd of Massachusetts State College visited this fruit growers' shrine, and is shown reading the inscription. "This pillar, erected in 1898 by the Rumford Historical Association, marks the estate where, in 1798, Samuel Thompson Esq., while locating the line of the Middlesex Canal, discovered the first pecker apple tree, later named the BALDWIN."

The original tree has fallen, but an army of its decendants has sprung up to provide us with our favorite winter apple. Fruit growers might well make a pilgrimage to the Baldwin apple monument in Wilmington.

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THE "JACQUITH HEMLOCK"

Below we are printing the substance of a letter written by the late Jacob W. Manning concerning his observations of the large hemlock tree which stands just off Aldrich Road. Mr. Manning, grandfather of the editor of the News, was a nationally famous nurseryman two generations ago. He started the Reading Nurseries in the 1860's, and the business was carried on by him and his five sons until about 1910. This letter apparently was written to some friend interested in horticulture and its text illustrates that the hemlock was even at that time very well known for its unusual size and development.

Reading, Mass.
May 25, 1902

I have known for many years of the Jacquith Hemlock standing on the North side of Aldrich Road, one half of a mile southerly from the West schoolhouse. No accurate dates or traditions exist to tell us how old this tree is. Mrs. Roxanna Carter, now 98 years old, commenced housekeeping as a young bride in the house she has lived in ever since. It was about seventy -five years ago that she came to Wilmington and she says the tree was then called the Great Hemlock.

The condition of the tree is nearly perfect; no decay appears about the trunk; the limbs extend out on all sides in a remarkable horizontal fashion and are so numerous about the trunk that it would be difficult for an active man to ascend the tree. There is barely head-room to walk under the branches. The longest branch on the northeast side measures thirty-five feet; the longest on the south side thirty-seven feet, making the spread of the branches in all about seventy-two feet. The unprecedented weight of ice in the severe storm of 1886 must have mangled this tree severely. No doubt twenty tons of ice was borne by the sturdy old monarch of Wilmington's forests. The circumference at the base of the tree is nineteen feet, and at a height of six feet its circumference measures thirteen feet and five inches. Its height I estimate to be at least sixty feet.

Jacob W. Manning

It is interesting to compare Jacob Manning's description of the tree he terms the "Jacquith Hemlock" as it was in 1902 with its condition at the present time. Such a comparison reflects very discreditably on the sense of values and the appreciation of nature of those who have dealt with the tree in the past thirty-two years. The big hemlock is still a noble tree in is still free from any decay in its trunk, but more than one third of the limbs have disappeared. Only huge broken butts remain. Most of these butts rave been sawed and it seems fairly clear that various people have taken these limbs for firewood. Only a few remain of the huge limbs near the ground but the top half of the tree is still perfectly limbed out.

This tree is one of Wilmington's most unusual physical features; it has been said that it is the largest hemlock in the State. At any rate, its qualities and its location should entitle this tree to some protection A definite effort ought to be made to conserve this beautiful specimen from any further abuse.

funeral was held Sunday.

The "old oak" near the bridge on Wildwood street, which has withstood the storms of many years, has, during the past week, fallen beneath the woodman's axe to make room for the all important electric track. Tradition tells us of the bear which was shot from behind this tree, but the removing of this landmark is but one more proof that the old is always giving place to the new. The cutting down of the large elm at Mr. Nichols's corner is noticed as a great improvement in the appearance and convenience of the street

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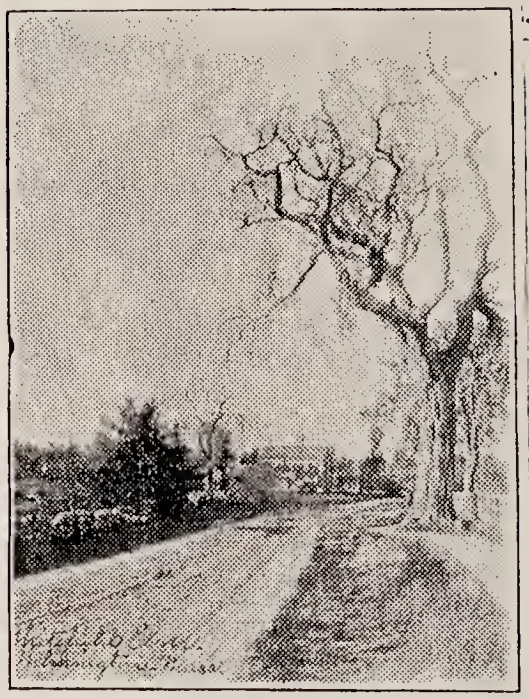

The Whitefield Elm

George Whitefield, Methodist evangelist and friend of the Wesleys, is said to have once addressed an audience of Wilmington farmers under a homelike English Elm near the Squire Eames homestead on Middlesex Avenue. He had been prohibited from the church in deference to his Calvinistic faith. According to his doctrine, he divided his audience for two destinations, but it is doubtful if this belief became rooted here. At least none of the psychical manifestations reported in England ensued. There is no evident trace of his converts, but the elm tree is remembered by a slab of Rockport granite donated by the Wilmington Woman's Club and suitably inscribed. The Whitefield Elm appears on the town seal and the local order of Odd Fellows is named after Mr. Whitefield as is the grammar school which is located in the vicinity of the elm tree.

Alexander Mitchell.

JOS. N. AMES HAS WALNUT BUST OF GENERAL LEE

Relic by Unknown Carver Dates Back to Civil War When it Was Taken by Soldier from Confederate Gunboat

Somewhere in a port town of one of the Southern Confederacy States, perhaps in Charleston, perhaps in one of the levee towns of the Mississippi, a Rebel admirer of General Robert E. Lee fashioned from walnut a bust of the Lost Cause which is now in the possession of Joseph N. Ames of Main st., this town.

The bust which stands about a foot in height is hand carved and portrays the great Rebel leader as he looked just prior to 1864, the year in which the image was taken from a captured Confederate gunboat by a Union soldier and brought back to the North as a souvenir of the Civil War.

Whether it was a figure head or a cabin decoration Mr. Ames does not know, nor did his sister, Mrs. Juliet S. Gowing, who died recently in Wakefield, who had the bust in her possession for many years. Her husband, Samuel H. Gowing, had it in his possession for many years and kept it in office in his house as a treasured trophy and a worthy decoration.

The name of the soldier who brought it back to the North has long since been forgotten as has the name of the boat from which it was taken, the meagre facts now obtainable having been handed down from one possessor to another.

The image probably has a great and interesting history and if walnut lips could speak, many an interesting story could probably be told concerning the life of the sailors of the Confederacy during the Civil War.

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No. Wilmington, Mass.,
July 5, 1900.

Tonight, the so called "Whitefield Elm" has been cut down as it had become unsafe for the passer-by. The tree measured 16ft. in circumference, at the point of cutting—2 ft. above the ground.

Considerable sentiment attached to this giant elm—it having stood for nearly if not quite 170 years. It was probably planted by Capt. Ebenezer Jones, an early settler, who erected the old house now standing on the opposite side of the road, and near and just south of the No. Wilmington station of the B. & M. R. R., and who was killed in the French and Indian War, at the invasion of Canada.

Tradition has it that under or near this tree, about 1760, George Whitefield, the eminent English divine, having been refused the opportunity and courtesy of the pulpit, addressed an out-of-door congregation of Wilmington people.

A good representation of the old elm is incorporated in the recently-adopted Town Seal of Wilmington.

ODE TO THE "WHITEFIELD ELM."

Alas! brave elm,
The woodman's axe has laid thee low:
Thy broken branches, prone on earth,
Decayed and rotten, prove too well
That thou wert dead and did not feel
The glittering steel cleave to thy heart.

For which, give thanks to Him
Who gave thee strength and life
To buffet with the storms of years,
And watch the generations pass
And see a wilderness become
A thriving, settled town.

What tales ye could have told
Of bygone days and struggles, yea,
Of sturdy people bound to wring
From barren soil a livelihood.
What joys and sorrows, peace and strife,
Your eyes have gazed upon.

We mourn your sad demise.
We know no other can
Replace your stock of lore profound,
Nor tell your story to the passer-by.
Perchance, your mourners—when their grief
Has made them realize their loss,

Will raise a fitting monument
To mark the spot where your proud head
Has reared itself so many years—
Inscribed so all may know
That on this spot once stood
The very King of Elms—thyself.

Arthur Thomas Bond.

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TOWN FARM A MONEY MAKER

Wilmington Place Only Harbors Three Public Charges, but Pays

TO SELL OR NOT TO SELL? THE QUESTION

Why is a town farm?

That is one of the burning questions which has been agitating the town of Wilmington for some time, and bids fair to crop up with added interest when the annual meeting is held, March 4.

On the one side, citizens ask what is the use of running a farm when there are only three town charges, one of whom was born on the farm. Other citizens ask what difference it makes whether there are three or a hundred dependents as long as the farm pays.

One side says the town might as well hire rooms in a Boston hotel for the present farm residents, while the other says it costs nothing at all to take care of them as it is.

Wilmington is one of the Massachusetts towns which is spread over a large area but keeps its political interests confined within a small one; in fact, one family is so prominent in all town affairs that the moderator who presides at town meetings oftentimes makes a mistake and, after counting the vote, announces, "The Eames have it," instead of the "ayes" or "nays."

Eames is the name of one of the old families of Wilmington, and there are branches of it in all precincts, in Wilmington proper, Wilmington Junction, South Wilmington and North Wilmington. They usually assemble at Wilmington town meeting day and take active interest and part in town affairs, quite generally with the result that several Eameses are listed as town offiers when the votes are counted.

Schools, fire department, police and other general departments receive casual attention when the annual appropriations are made up, but the town farm looms up important.

It was claimed in the past that the farm was maintained for the sole benefit of a single inmate, and that it would be cheaper for the town to provide accommodations at a Boston hotel than to pay the upkeep of the farm, with its superintendent, matron, 60 acres of land and livestock. And the agitation increased to sufficient proportions to induce enough townsmen to sign a petition to have the topic placed upon the town warrant.

When the article was reached in regular order, there were no advocates and the "nays" had it so positively that no one mentioned it again for weeks.

With the approach of the 1918 town meeting the town farm subject is renewed, but along different lines. This year the question is: "Shall Brown continue as superintendent?"

The dollars and cents records of the town indicate, Brown's friends say, that he has made the town farm a valuable asset, and along with the valuation and the profits the number of inmates has increased so that there is necessity for the farm. The trustees of the state infirmary at Tewksbury say that Wilmington will have to take care of its own pauper-patients, despite their willingness to pay. Other institutions have refused to accept the Wilmington pauper-patients. That, argues the Brown party, makes the maintenance of the town farm absolutely necessary.

In 1916 there was a lone inmate at the town farm. She was born there 46 years ago, and because her relatives had legal settlements there the town was legally obligated to provide for her support. Advocates of discontinuance of the farm claimed that the expense of maintaining the single inmate was so great that it would be cheaper to hire an apartment for her, but the overseers of the poor dispute these claims.

They proved that the farm was a money-maker for the town. It was true that it was maintained for the accommodatiton of a single inmate and that

a superintendent and a matron and hired help were necessary to keep the farm going, but the balance sheet showed that in 1913 the farm "cleaned up" $462.65 over and above all expenses. In 1914 the profits were $97.82, and in 1915 the credit balance was $785.16.

Last year was the one year when there was a deficit, and that was but $39.41. The overseers say that they couldn't support any one for that amount, and that 1917, though not yet accounted, will reveal a credit balance that will not only wipe out the 1916 deficit, but outshine the profits of previous years.

Supt. Brown is Melvin W. Brown, formerly of Winchester. He became superintendent at the Wilmington town farm four years ago, at a salary of $450 a year. His wife assumed the position of matron, without salary. They were entitled to living quarters and food, and, in exchange for salary and keep were expected to run the farm as economically as possible. The credit balances are offered as proof that they were economical.

The farm is on Main street between Hudson Corner and Perry's Corner, the two locations by which distances and neighborhoods are gauged in Wilmington. There is a large house, 2½ stories in height and with plenty of room for all the paupers Wilmington will ever have.

Keep Plenty of Stock

There is a spacious barn in which are stalls for half a dozen horses, nine cows, pigs and other farm animals; hen and chicken houses for from 400 to 600 chickens; a silo big enough to provide ensilage for all the farm stock; woodsheds, storage cellars, outbuildings and about 60 acres of land, half of which is under cultivation.

Critics of the town farm department declared that the town was supporting an almshouse for one inmate and that he was riding around in an automobile.

The facts are that the one inmate was not a "he," and that the automobile is the private property of Carroll Horton. He is employed at the farm at $30 a month and found, and is a part of the profit-making management. He has used the automobile to the farm's advantage, but the only pay he received for it was when it was put to outside uses evenings, after his "chores" were done. He has owned the automobile about four years and has been working at the farm for about two.

Herbert C. Barrows is chairman of the board of selectmen and is a candidate for re-election. He says the story of the one inmate at the poor farm running around in an automobile and costing the town more than if the town paid for accommodations at a hotel, was a campaign argument that didn't pan out.

Frank W. Dayton, a former selectman, is an opponent of the town farm. He is a Boston & Maine railroad brakeman and lives near the depot.

A Lively Meeting

Incidentally, the annual town meeting promises to be one of the liveliest in years. Seven candidates are already announced for the three places on the board of selectmen, and it is said two or three other embryo candidacies are withheld only until campaign issues are developed.

The abandonment of the town farm will be one of the topics of debate, and in all probability a subject of the town warrant. Last year an article peritioned upon the warrant was overwhelmingly defeated, and sentiment in some precincts of the town is strongly in favor of "letting the town farm proposition strictly alone."

The Wilmington town farm enjoys the unique distinction of being a paying municipal enterprise. Profits are not enormous, but the farm is available for emergency use, provides a home for the town's only dependents, two women and a man, and is so well managed that many townspeople are in favor of keeping it. There is another group, however, which seeks to sell the property.

"The Eames Have It"

Two of the Eames Family

Two members of the board of selectmen are Ed. Nelson Eames and Arthur Warren Eames. Ed. Nelson lives at Wilmington proper and is president of the Boston Lumber Company. It is said in political circles that Ed. Nelson will be the target at which the opposition will direct its campaign for a change in the administration of town affairs. Eames's friends and supporters claim that they will have plenty of followers to re-elect him.

Under the present make-up of the town's official list he is a selectman, overseer of the poor, surveyor of lumber, surveyor of wood and a trustee of the public library.

Arthur Warren Eames is additionally overseer of the poor, fence viewer, surveyor of lumber and surveyor of wood and bark.

Other office holders in Wilmington are Fred A. Eames, former town treasurer, who declined re-election after serving for 25 years, but is now a trustee of public funds; Frank L. Eames, brother of the former treasurer, now treasurer of the town, a surveyor of wood and bark and public weigher; Henry N. Eames, registrar of voters; Aldlee G. Eames, registrar of voters and member of the public safety committee; Warren Eames, public weigher and ballot clerk; Arthur B. Eames, sealer of weights and measures and on the jury list; J. Howard Eames, inspector of provisions and ballot clerk; Ernest W. Eames, deputy fire warden, and Irvin Eames, who is on the jury list.

No member of the Eames family is listed in the police department, but Dayton and John Dunn, both mentioned as candidates for berths on the board of selectmen are special policemen. The board of surveyors of lumber of which there are eight, has three Eameses, Frank L., Edward N. and Arthur W.

Parking the poor farm is a good plan when the farm has ceased to have any communal usefulness, as at Wilmington, this county where, following the dedication of a few days ago, a park of 92 acres is being laid out with tennis courts, playground apparatus and woodland paths. Other towns, doubtless, are finding that in these days of piping prosperity the poor are no longer with us—or at least that they can no longer be profitably employed on a poor farm.

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To Purchase Roman Site And Truck for Highway

About 125 registered voters were present in Grange Hal Monday night to attend the annual Town Meeting. Town Moderator Philip B. Buzzell presided with Town Clerk William S. Cavanaugh taking down the notes for the records. hTe finance committee's recommendations were accepted almost 100 per cent. The salary of the Treasurer was increased from $800 a year to $1000 a year and the Tax Collector's salary was raised $100 up to $1600. The town accountant was voted an increase of $200. making his salary $1000. It was also voted to purchase a 1941 Mack International Truck for the Highway department at a cost of $3500. It was also voted to purchase the Roman Property on Church street.

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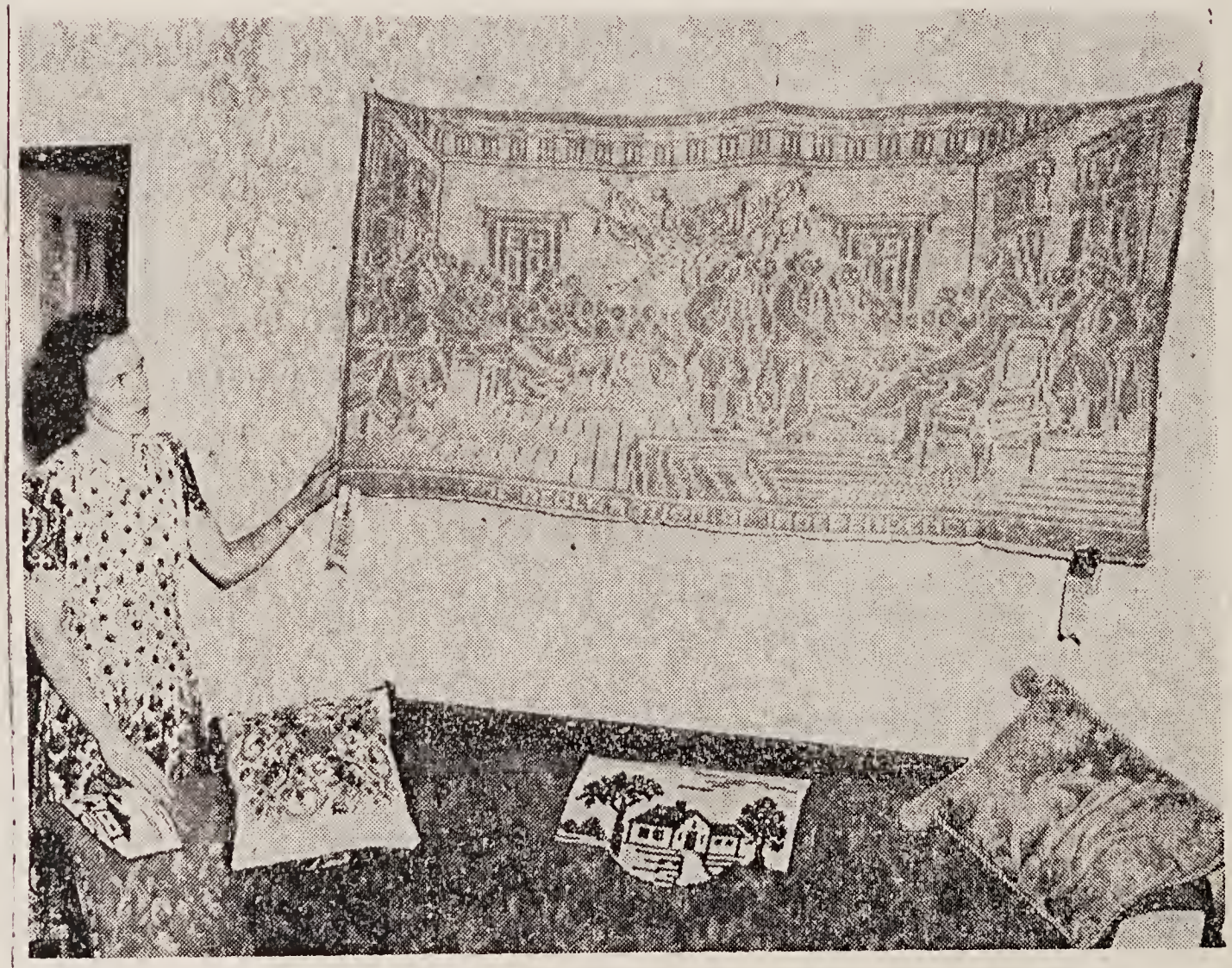

WILMINGTON CROCHET ARTIST—Mrs. John Joseph Farrell of 23 Swain road, West Wilmington, is shown with her prize crocheted tapestry, a reproduction of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Made in Mrs. Farrell's spare time, the picture is five and one-half feet long and three feet wide, crocheted in two colors, blue and beige. It required 140 hours to finish.

Story of Early Local Graduation in Old Clipping

Paper Preserved by Joseph N. Ames Recounts Exercises Held in 1859 Is Interesting Study in Old Journalistic Methods—From Middlesex Journal.

An acount of what is believed to be the first graduation exercises of Wilmington High School is contained in a clipping loaned to the News by Joseph N. Ames, local antique dealer. The story is written in the style peculiar to the time in which it was printed in the Middlesex Journal, then a flourishing publication. The paper is dated March 3, 1859, indicating that graduation time in those dayswas much earlier in the year than it is now.

The clipping follows:

"Wilmington.—The Examination of the High School in this town took place on Tuesday March 1st. The exercises consisted of the examinations of the classes in Mathematics, Latin, French, Reading, etc. I listened to some compositions which I think were as good as the best I ever heard. Among which, in particular was one from a Miss M——, and others equally interesting, viz.: that of A. L——, J. S——, L. G——, H. N——, and others which I have not time to enumerate. Last of all, though not the least, was the Valedictory, by Henry Ames,—called by friends, very excellent, though not so long as some, yet, "short sweet", during the delivery of which audience listened with the greatest attention, it being the last term of the school under its present principal. The two closing verses are well worthy of publication:

"'Though knowest how false and fading
The glows ofpleasure are,
And now we part to rove no more
Beneath our guiding star.

The bitter tear-drops swell,
And now, adieu forever!
As the last fond tie we sever,
Fore-ever-more farewell."

The audience was then dismissed for the afternoon. The evening exercises commenced with the beautiful song entitled "Good Evening", afterwards various declamations and songs, "The Murmuring Sea", "Home, Sweet Home", etc, etc. Near the close of the evening a soft voice whispered that there would be a presentation. In a few moments, under the direction of the committee, Master John Nichols stepped forward upon the stage and delivered a short speech, prepared for the occasion, and with the asistance of two young ladies, presented their faithful teacher, Mrs. Dunstan, a very handsome Cake Basket and Castor with the following words, "We understand that this is the last time you will occupy your seat as Principal of this High School or of another. Will you accept this present, not for its intrinsic value, but because it comes from affectionate and loving hearts, and the remembrance we shall ever cherish for you as a teacher and a friend. May prosperity attend you and your partner for life, and, finally, may we meet again in the abode of the just, where we shall never more part." Mrs. Dunstan replied in an easy and affecting manner, assuring her scholars of her full appreciation of their manifestation and that never would their images disappear from her eyes. The present bore the following inscription: "Presented to Miss Lucy Dustan by her affection pupils, March 1, 1859.

The exercises then closed with addresses from Asa G. Sheldon, Walter Blanchard, Rev.S. H. George Dustan, Esq., and others. The parting hymn, composed by Anne Q. Lashee, was then sung and the audience separted."

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A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE WILMINGTON M. E. CHURCH

Reprint of First Methodist Services From the Treasures of Joseph N. Ames

Like other churches this little church has its history.

Some time previous to the holding of the first Methodist services in Wilmington, May 28, 1881, a few individuals talked of the possibility of erecting a place of worship in that part of the village near the B. and L. Depot. Those few being Methodists, or included that way, it was talked of as a "Methodist Chapel".

Time hurried on and nothing definite was done till January, 1881, when a meeting was called and those present were alive and ready for the work. May 21 another meeting was held and the final arrangements made for holding services. Ames's Hall was secured, a committee chosen and visited the preacher's meeting on the 22nd, at 36 Bromfield st, Boston, saw presiding elder Crowell who, after being convinced that an audience could be had if only a preacher should be sent, recommended Rev. E. H. McKenney, of Saugus, who interested himself in the place and work. An organist and chorister were secured, an organ purchased, and May 28, 1881, saw the first Methodist audience assembled in the upper room at Wilmington for prayer, praise and worship. The text was appropriate to the occasion, Mark II: 22, "Have Faith in God". The following Sunday the School was organized and Brother McKenney asked to become shepherd of the new flock. He acted as supply till March 19, 1882, when the church was organized by Rev. Dr. Crowell, who also appointed Rev. McKenney as preacher in charge till the next conference, when he was returned for the conference year; his health failing him he was abliged to give up the work, and November 19, 1882, the services of the Rev. M. B. Cummings were secured for one year; it was during this year that came the struggle of building the long looked for chapel; time and money were spent, sacrifices were made and faith was exercised. August 1st, the work was begun. At the close of Brother Cummings' year, Rev. Putman Webber became the preacher, by appointment of Elder Thayer, and remained with the church till April, 1886, doing a good and telling work for them.

February 22, 1884, the Chapel was dedicated with appropriate services, Rev. Brother Whitaker, of Lowell, preached the dedicatory sermon. In April, 1886, the present pastor was appointed to this field, since that time the church has made great improvements in the building to the amount of over three hundred dollars. Since the founding of the church it has been prospered in all its struggles on all lines, and it realizes that it is not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of God that all has been and all will be accomplished.

WILMINGTON

A Dedicatory Service Held at the Methodist Church—Other Matters.

(Special Correspondence.)

Wilmington, Feb. 10.—Our Methodist society although small in numbers exhibits a spirit of enterprise worthy of emulation. Since receiving a donation of an organ, a new oak desk and chairs of gothic style have been installed, a railing built around the choir and angle lamps added to complete the furnishings. On Sunday the members in exuberant attitude assembled for a dedicatory service. Prof. Rescheli was unavoidably detained, so Dr. Joel Leonard, of Melrose, presiding elder of the district, occupied the pulpit, chosing for his subject, "The Art of Winning Souls," as found in Prov. 11:30. "He that winneth souls is wise." His discourse was able and convincing.

At the close of the sermon a contribution was pledged to cancel indebtedness, four individuals giving $25 apiece; eight $10 and the remainder in smaller sums, the total amounting to $250.

A dedicatory hymn was written for the occasion by Mrs. Frank Kidder, which reads as follows:

DEDICATORY HYMN.

We meet today within thy house
Which has been made so bright,
To dedicate this organ new,
It fills us with delight.

And may the service of this hour
Still fall on hearts of love,
Knowing that every perfect gift
Surely cometh from above.

And may the songs that here we sing
Be truly songs of praise,
Thanking Thee for all our gifts,
For past and present days.

And may the friend who gave this gift,
Which is so very dear,
Be recompensed in all his ways
For many and many a year.

—Look back to Christmas, 1784; when the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized with 15,000 members. That was all of American Methodists. Now, what? What wonders has Methodism wrought in the hundred years! It now numbers in all its branches 3,993,820 members. Marvellous growth!

WRITTEN FOR THE ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

By Mary A. Kidder

Come, friends, gather around,
And a brief history I will tell,
Of the little church in Wilmington
That stands without a bell.
Long it has stood for all that's good,
And I hope it always will,
Although the work has been done by a few,
And oft times seemed up hill.
May twenty-eighth, eighty-one,
The first service was held,
In Ames' hall, where one and all,
Were welcomed at the door
By Pastor McKenney, who stood,
As all Methodists should,
Speaking to rich and poor.
Three long years they struggled on,
Paying their rent when due,
Working hard and praying much,
For the new church they had in view.
At last the work was ended,
And on February twenty-two
The people gathered for the first time
In their Church new.
The Pastor was Brother Webber,
A man of truth and might,
Who tried so hard to lead his people
In the ways of right.
Eleven pastors since have led his flock,
Along in various ways.
Some have staid long, others short,
We will give them all due praise.
Look up, not down, and with me you'll agree,
That we have always been provided for,
And we shall always be.

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Wilmington, April 1.

More than 500 attended the reception on Sunday evening given in honor of Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the church vestry. This occasion was to celebrate the golden anniversary of Rev. Mr. Seaboyer in the ministry. The church was attractively decorated with potted plants, cut flowers and ferns, by Mrs. Alice Roberts. In the receiving line were Doctor and Mrs. Lawrence W. Emig, district superintendent of the Lynn district and representing Bishop G. Oxam; Rev. Andrew J. White, Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer, Mrs. Benjamin Seaboyer, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bousefield.

An unique program was presented with Burt E. Tilley as master of ceremonies. The program included a letter of congratulation from Bishop Bromley W. Oxnam, remarks by Dr. Lawrence W. Emig, another letter from Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, president of Boston university, Dr. Charles Otto expressed his good wishes, followed by remarks of congratulation by Charles H. Black, chairman of the Board of Selectmen. A telegram was then read by Mr. Tilley from W. R. Pease of Trinity United church of Riverport, N. S. Mrs. Charles H. Black, president of the Ladies Aid, then presented Mrs. Seaboyer a bouquet of flowers in honor of her birthday anniversary which was also celebrated on Sunday. Mrs. Seaboyer expressed her thanks to all after which the master of ceremonies read a letter from Rev. James J. McGoohan, former curate of St. Thomas of Villanova church.

The next speaker was Benjamin Solow, president of the Avis Achim D'Arom society of the local synagog. Congratulatory letter was then read from Robert A. Colpittus, member of the Melrose Methodist church, followed by remarks offered by Rev. Austin Rice, president of the Wakefield Ministers' Association. A letter was read from Lawrence Quigley, commandant of the Chelsea Soldiers Home. Rep. Herbert L. Trull then extended his congratulations, Richard Flynn of Winthrop, commissioner of state pensions, offered his personal remarks, the next speaker was Rev. Clyde M. Martin, pastor of the local Congregational church, and Rev. Andrew J. White, pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova church brought the list of speakers to a fitting close.

Presented Purse.

Rev. Mr. Seaboyer was then presented with a purse of money from his parshioners by Alfred Varney and another purse from the parishioners of the Wakefield Methodist church by Mrs. J. Boothby in which church Mr. Seaboyer preached for 15 years. Rev. Mr. Seaboyer then, very much overjoyed expressed his thanks and welcomed all guests with many reminiscences.

The guests were then escorted to the platform by the ushers, Mrs. Ernest MacDougall, Mrs. Burt Tilley, Mrs. Earl Hamilton, Mrs. Howard Tait, Mrs. Clossen Blaisdell and Mrs. Frances Felt. The guest book was in charge of Mrs. George Webber. Music during the reception was furnished by Mrs. Wilbur Stavely, pianist; Mrs. Talbot Emery, organist and William Custer, violinist. The guests adjourned to the lower hall where refreshments were served by Mrs. Anthony Dalaimo, Mrs. Mary Starr, Mrs. Mathew Casey, Mrs. Roland Hinxman, Mrs. Walter Currier, Miss Gladys Little, Miss Laura Irwin, Miss Dorothy Webber, Miss Phyllis Campbell, Miss Priscilla Holmes, Miss Vada Ainsworth and the Misses June and Esther Cates.

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Reception Held for Retiring Minister; Auxiliary Meeting

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, May 20—A reception was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin G. Seaboyer last night at the Methodist church in honor of the retirement of Rev. Mr. Seaboyer from the active ministry. About 150 attended and shook hands with the couple expressing their regrets at having them leave the town and church. Mrs. Stanley Webber, chairman of arrangements and president of the Women's Society of Christian Service, opened the program and welcomed all present and also spoke on the good work that the pastor had done in his nine years here. She introduced Alfred L. Varney, a lifelong friend of Mr. Seaboyer, and he presented a gift to Mr. Seaboyer on behalf of the church people. William Feindel, president of the liquor control associates, was introduced and he also presented him a gift on behalf of the association.

Rev. Seaboyer responded and expressed his regrets in having to retire from active duty in this town. He thanked all who in any way helped to make his stay here a pleasant one. Rev. Seaboyer was ordained in Maine in 1895, and his first parish was in Vasselboro. He had several assignments in Maine and went to Wakefield where he spent 15 years before coming to this town. Previous to his ordination he preached while a student in college making a total of 53 years as a preacher in the Methodist church. He has been chaplain of the Soldiers home in Chelsea for the past 30 years. He will continue as chaplain of the home.

After the reception refreshments were served by the committee which included Mrs. Willard Walton, chairman; Mrs. Charles Jeffries, Mrs. Frank Palch, Mrs. Charles Campbell, Mrs. Roland Hinxman, and Mrs. Matthew Casey. In charge of the waitresses was Mrs. Harold C. Simes. She was assisted by Mrs. Ernest MacDougall, Mrs. Closson Blaisdell, Mrs. Herbert Higginbotham, Mrs. Charles Read, Mrs. Paul Todd, Mrs. Elmer Branscombe, Mrs. Walter Currier, Mrs. Ralph Odiorne and Mrs. Helen Wilson.

Mrs. Charles H. Black was in charge of the ushers who were members of the Epworth League and were Winnie Lou Odiorne, William Irwin, Raymond Wood, George Webber, Jr., Laura Irwin and Barbara Blaisdell. The guest book was in charge of Mrs. George Webber; music, Mrs. Talbot Emery, organist, and Mrs. Wilbur Staveley, pianist. Mrs. Fred H. Roberts was in charge of decorations and Burt Tilley, gift chairman, and he was assisted by Ariel Wood, Stanley Webber, George Webber, Roland Hinxman, Frank Hadley and Harry J. Ainsworth.

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WILMINGTON RECEPTION—A reception was held at the Methodist church for Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer, pastor, who is retiring after 53 years of service. Left to right, in the photo, are—Alfred L. Varney, who presented the gift of the church; Mrs. Stanley Webber, president of the W. S. C. S.; Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer and Mrs. Seaboyer.

All Creeds Honor Wilmington Pastor on 50th Anniversary in Ministry

At the testimonial to Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer in the vestry of the Methodist church in Wilmington Sunday night, the following were in the reception line: Left to right, Mrs. Lawrence Emig, Rev. Andrew J. White, pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova church; Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer, Mrs. Seaboyer and Mrs. Raymond Bousefield, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Seaboyer.

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Example of Tolerance

When a Methodist clergyman in the nearby town of Wilmington celebrated his 50th anniversary in the ministry this week, one of the most enthusiastic tributes he received came from the pastor of the Catholic church in the same town.

Here was an example of democracy in its best form—tolerance. Democracy means liberty; the liberty to speak one's mind without fear; liberty to work to reform the economic order and perfect the political state. It does not attempt to confine people's minds to dogmas and patterns. On the contrary, it gives to every man the right to worship God according to the guidance of his own conscience. It is only because of this democratic tolerance that religion can flourish at all. Out in Wilmington they've got the right idea.

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YOUNG PRIEST CELEBRATES MASS IN WILMINGTON

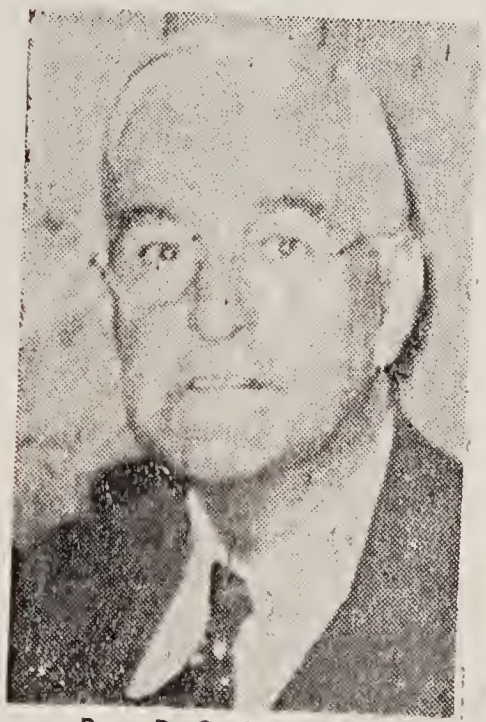
WILMINGTON, April 1—Rev Augustine Michael McMahon, who, with 25 other candidates, was ordained to the priesthood, at the cathedral, Boston, March 22, celebrated his first mass yesterday at St Thomas' Church here. The service was a solemn high mass, its officers being Rev Fr McMahon, celebrant; Rev W. W. Donovan of Andover, deacon; Thomas Devlin, subdeacon, and John McCarty, master of ceremonies, the last two being seminarians.

REV AUGUSTINE M. McMAHON.

Following the service the celebrant received many congratulations from members of the parish and the townspeople. In the afternoon from 1 to 5 a reception was held at the McMahon home on Middlesex av, opposite the church, upwards of 300 guests attending.

Fr McMahon, who was born here 26 years ago, son of Thomas and Isabella (McEnroe) McMahon, is said to be the first son of Wilmington to enter the priesthood. He was graduated from the Wilmington High School in 1909, and at Boston College in 1913. He completed his studies at St John's Seminary, Brighton.

Of the class of 26 ordained March 32 15 have been assigned to positions. Fr McMahon expects to receive his appointment to active duty in a few days.



Rev. B. G. Seaboyer

Wilmington Pastor Dies

Rev. B. G. Seaboyer Succumbs in Maine

WILMINGTON, Aug. 8—Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer died last night at his summer home, Vasselboro, Me. He was pastor of the Wilmington Methodist church for nine years and retired from the ministry in 1942. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

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MR. AND MRS. J. ARTHUR TAYLOR.

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Tewksbury, March 26.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Taylor celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage today with a turkey dinner with all the fixings at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Howard Snell of Whipple road. A rectption from 3 to 10 p. m. was held at the home of another daughter, Mrs. Jesse French of Whipple road.

They were married March 26, 1889 in Wilmington by the Rev. William Thurston. Their attendants were Mrs. Fannie Kincaid Dixon, bridesmaid and was a cousin of the bride, and the best man was Mr. George Richardson, both of whom were present at the dinner today. They have four daughters, Mrs. Merle Louise Mullarky of North Wilmington, Mrs. Gladys Mildred Alexander of Tewksbury, Mrs. Irma Arline French of Tewksbury and Mrs. Phyllis Eloise Snell of Tewksbury; also eight grandchildren, Arthur Giddings Mullarky, Robert Gardner Mullarky, Mason Alexander jr., Barbara Alexander, Gilbert Ellsworth French, Alvin Taylor French, Donald Frederick French, and Beverly Louise Snell.

There were about 25 present at the dinner, including the members of their immediate family, Mr. Taylor's aunt, Miss Susan Hale of Wilmington, his sister, Mrs. George McKittrick and her son, George and his friend, Miss Diana Markey; Mr. Taylor's step-mother, Mrs. Emma Taylor, his best man and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson and Mrs. Taylor's bridesmaid, Mrs. Fanny Dixon.

Wilmington Couple Observes 58th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. Amos Durkee of Andover street, North Wilmington who observed their 58th Wedding Anniversary yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Amos Durkee of Andover street, North Wilmington, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary at their home on Sunday. A high mass was celebrated on Saturday morning at St. Thomas of Villanova church at 8.30 with Rev. Andrew J. White, pastor, celebrant, in honor of their anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Durkee were married in Andover, on Sept. 17, 1881, and have lived in Wilmington during their entire married life. Both were born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. They are the proud parents of 11 children and 12 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Durkee were the recipients of many cards, good wishes and gifts from their family, neighbors and friends.

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Amos Durkee Passes Away

Funeral services were held for Amos Durkee, 94, on Saturday, Jan. 13 from his home at 379 Salem St.

A High mass of requiem at St. Thomas' church was held at 9:00. Mr. Durkee was born in Nova Scotia in 1856 and came to live in Wilmington seventy years ago. On September 17th, 1881 he married Andrea Judith Meuse. Mr. and Mrs. Durkee celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Durkee is survived by: His wife, Judith and 11 children, including Mrs. J. Ellis Doucette of North Reading, Mrs. James J. Sullivan of Andover, Mrs. Louise M. Flint of New Jersey, Sister Emmanuel of New York City, Mrs. Frederick W. Doucette, J. William Durkee, Adrian Durkee, Eldon H., Leslie A., all of Wilmington; Amos J. Durkee, Jr. of Mansfield, Mass. and G. Walter of New Jersey.

Funeral services were in charge of Mr. Joseph McMahon.

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AT THE CEMETERY.

DIRGE BY THE BAND.

DECORATION OF SOLDIER'S GRAVES.

HYMN. Tune, "Naomi."

How still and peaceful is the grave!
Where, life's vain tumults past,
The appointed house, by heaven's decree,
Receives us all at last.

There servants, masters, small and great,
Partake the same repose;
And there, in peace, the ashes mix
Of those who once were foes.

All, leveled by the hand of death,
Lie sleeping in the tomb,
Till God in judgment calls them forth,
To met their final doom.

PRAYER. By Rev. S. S. Mathews.

AT THE CHURCH.

Voluntary and Quartette, "Rest, Soldier, Rest."

HYMN. Tune, "Hamburg."

Thy footsteps, Lord, with joy we trace,
And mark the conquests of thy grace;
Complete the work thou hast begun,
And let thy will on earth be done.

Oh, show thyself the Prince of Peace;
Command the din of war to cease;
Oh, bid contending nations rest,
And let thy love rule every breast!

Then peace returns with balmy wing;
Glad plenty laughs, the valleys sing;
Reviving commerce lifts her head,
And want and woe and hate have fled.

PRAYER.

ORATION. By Rev. H. A. Hazen, Billerica.

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BENEDICTION.

C. M. Swain.

Decoration Day Ceremonies.

The Citizens of Wilmington

WILL UNITE IN PAYING A TRIBUTE

To the Memory of our Deceased Soldiers,

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1875.

PREVIOUS TO THE MEMORIAL SERVICES THERE WILL BE A FLAG PRESENTATION ON THE COMMON.

Citizens of surrounding Towns are cordially invited to be present.

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AT THE COMMON.

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PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG.

By Lemuel C. Eames, Esq.

RESPONSE.

By Samuel B. Nichols, Esq.

HYMN.

WRITTEN FOR THE OCCASION BY MISS ABIGAIL BROWN.

Tune, "America."

We've come, a patriot band:
And each a brother's hand,
To each extend;
On this Memorial Day,
Upon this last of May,
Beseeching, grant us pray,
A true God-send.

And now with hearts aglow,
Let us this gift bestow, —
This Banner coy;
Take it, ye Fathers wise,
And let sweet songs arise,
To waft it to the skies,
A thing of joy.

Beneath our own blue sky,
Unfurl this Flag on high, —
Our country's charm;
With sorrow now profound,
We'll o'er each soldier's mound,
Wrap fairest flowers around,
A shield from harm.

SPEECHES.

By Cyrus L. Carter, Esq., and others.

MUSIC BY THE BAND.

WILMINGTON, MASS., MAY 24, 1929

Account Of First Memorial Day Observance In Our Town

Contained in Copy of Woburn Advertiser of 1875 Unearthed by Joseph N. Ames and Loaned to the News Through the Courtesy of Joseph B. McMahon.

An account of the first observance of Memorial Day in Wilmington is contained in a copy of the Woburn Advertiser of June 3, 1875, which was found recently by Joseph N. Ames of Main st. while going through some papers of his mother. The paper was loaned to the News by Mr. Ames through the courtesy of Joseps B. McMahon of the local bank.

There are many interesting accounts of the daily doings of Woburn in the paper and particularly interesting is the fight against the rum which was even then being waged by dry propagandists through the local newspapers.

The story of the Wilmington Memorial Day celebration contains the names of a number of residents who will be remembered by some of the oldest inhabitants, and the decendants of a few of them will be in line of march next Thursday. The story, re

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ACCOUNT OF FIRST MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

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printed in full, follows:

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Memorial Day—Memorial Day was observed here for the first time, Saturday, May 29th. The Farmers and Merchants Club lately organized, first proposed to observed the day, and made the preparations for that purpose. The old flag had become useless, and a new one was needed. Accordingly, through the efforts of this Club and the liberality of the citizens a new one was obtained, and erected the day previous. The material for the flag was purchased and the ladies kindly volunteered to make it. The staff, together with the spar, measures twenty-nine feet, and the flag thirty by twenty. At an early hour the people began to assemble at the town hall and at 9.00 a. m. a procession was formed and moved in the following order:

Escort of Police
Marshal
S. D. Bodwell
Aides
W. S. S. Marsh J. T. Wild
Farmers and Mechanics Club
mounted, 25 men
Town Officers
President and Orator of the day
Carriage Containing the old gentlemen of the town
High and District Schools in wagons tastefully trimmed with flags and evergreen

The route of the procession was from the Town Hall to S. Gowing residence; through the east part of the town to Perry's Corner; thence to the Lowell Depot, to A. Jaquith's and to the Common. Along the route they were received by cheers and bows, highly gratifying to the recipients. On arriving at the Common, the flag was presented by H. C. Eames, with appropriate remarks, which were responded to by S. B. Nichols. A hymn was sung, composed for the occasion by Miss Abigail Brown, after which speeches were made by several gentlemen. The procession then marched to the cemetery, where the graves of the soldiers were decorated by three young ladies, the band played a dirge. A hymn was sung, followed with prayer by Rev. S. E. Mathews. From the cemetery they proceeded to the church, where an oration was delivered by Rev. H. A. Hazen of Billerica. After the oration all were invited to the Town Hall, where a collation had been prepared by the ladies. In the evening, a concert was given by the band. The celebration of Memorial Day was entirely new here and therefore unusual preparations were made by the people to make the day as interesting as possible. Much credit is due the President and other officers, for their perseverance in carrying out he plans of the day.

Wilmington.

According to their usual custom the little handful of G. A. R. men still living in Wilmington gathered in the village cemetery, Memorial day, to lay their tribute of flowers on the graves of their fallen comrades. They were accompanied to and from the cemetery by the cadets and children of the public schools, and also the Wilmington band, who played "Marching through Georgia" on reaching the church, after which a large number listened to an address by Rev. T. A. Hodgdon, the orator of the day. All honor to the men, tried and true, few though they be, who are bringing year after year their tokens of loyal remembrance to their silent comrades, with whom they stood shoulder to shoulder in the bitter strife of 30 years.

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Outline New Precincts; Rotarians Meet

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(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, May 10—The report of the division of the town into convenient voting precincts is as follows: "To the voters of Wilmington: Town meeting article—At our adjourned annual town meeting held March 19, 1951, at Villanova hall, you voted under Article 12 to direct the selectmen to prepare a division of the town into convenient voting precincts in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws (Tercentenary Edition) as amended."

"General Law—Section 6 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws (Tercentenary Edition) reads as follows: "A town may direct its election to prepare a division of the town into convenient voting precincts. The selectmen shall, so far as possible, make the center line of streets or ways, or other well defined limits, the boundaries of the proposed precincts, and shall designate them by numbers or letters. They shall within 60 days, file a report of their doings with the town clerk, with a map or description of the proposed precincts, and with a statement of the number of voters registered in each for the preceding state or town election. The report shall be presented by the town clerk at the next town meeting, but shall not be acted upon except at a meeting held at least seven days after the report has been filed. The division so reported may be amended at such meeting, and shall take effect on the 31st day of December following its adoption. If such report shall be rejected the town may at any time direct the selectmen to prepare a new division.

"Precincts—With the very able assistance of the board of registrars, we have divided the town into six convenient voting precincts, and have used the center line of streets, brooks and railroads, where possible, as boundaries, and have designated them by numbers. The precincts, outlined on the 1951 official map of the town of Wilmington, may be described as follows:

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"Precinct No. 1: Beginning at the intersection of the Shawsheen avenue railroad bridge and the Boston & Maine railroad, South Division, Precinct No. 1 is bounded by proceeding southerly along the railroad to the intersection of Butters row railroad bridge, then easterly along Butters row to Main street and continuing along Cross street to Lowell street, then northerly along Lowell street to Parker street, then easterly along Parker street to a point on Wildwood street where, if projected in a straight line, it would intersect Wildwood street, then southerly along Wildwood street to Woburn street, then northerly along Woburn street to Concord street, then westerly along Concord street to Federal street, then northerly along Federal street to Middlesex avenue, then westerly along Middlesex avenue to Glen road, then westerly along Glen road to the intersection of the Boston & Maine railroad, Lawrence branch, then southerly along the railroad to the intersection of Clark street, then westerly along Clark street to Main street. Then northerly along Main street to Shawsheen avenue and hence to the starting point.

In Precinct No. 1 there were 600 voters registered for the last town election.

"Precinct No. 2: Beginning at the intersection of the Wilmington-Woburn town line and the Boston and Maine Railroad, Southern Division, Precinct No. 2 is bounded by proceeding northerly along the railroad to the intersection of Butters Row railroad bridge, then easterly along Butters Row to Main street and continuing along Cross street to Lowell street, then northerly along Lowell street to Parker street, then easterly along Parker street to a point on Wildwood street where, if projected in a straight line, it would intersect Wildwood street, then southerly along Wildwood street to Woburn street, then northerly along Woburn street to Concord street, then easterly along Concord street to the Wilmington-North Reading town line, then southerly and westerly along the Wilmington town line to the starting point.

In precinct No. 2 there were 495 voters registered for the last town election.

"Precinct No. 3—Beginning at the intersection of the Wilmington-Burlington town line and Mill brook, Precinct No. 3 is bounded by proceeding northeasterly along Mill brook to the Boston and Maine Railroad, Southern division, then southerly along the Boston and Maine Railroad, Southern division, to the Wilmington-Woburn town line, then westerly and northwesterly along the Wilmington town line to the starting point. In Precinct No. 3 there were 272 voters registered for the last town election.

Precinct 4

"Precinct No. 4: Beginning at the intersection of the Wilmington-Billerica town line and the Boston & Maine railroad, south division, Precinct No. 4 is bounded by proceeding southeasterl along the railroad to Mill brook then southwesterly along Mi brook to the Wilmington-Bur lington town line, then northerly along the Wilmington town line to the starting point. In Precinct No. 4 there were 450 voters registered for the last town election.

"Precinct No. 5: Beginning at the intersection of the Wilmington-Tewksbury town line and Salem street, Precinct No. 5 is bounded by proceeding easterly along Salem street, to the Boston & Maine railroad, Lawrence branch, then southerly along the railroad to Clark street, then westerly along Clark street to Main street, then northerly along Main street to Shawsheen avenue, then along Shawsheen avenue to the Boston & Maine railroad, south division, then northwesterly along the railroad to the the starting point. In Precinct No. 5 there were 740 voters registered for the last town election.

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"Precinct No. 6—Beginning at the intersection of the Wilmington-North Reading town line and Concord street, Precinct No. 6 is bounded by proceeding westerly along Concord street to Federal street, then northerly along Federal street to Middlesex avenue, then westerly along Middlesex avenue to Glen road, then westerly along Glen road to the Boston and Maine railroad, Lawrence branch, then northerly along the railroad to Salem street, then westerly along Salem street to the Wilmington-Tewksbury town line, then northerly, easterly and southerly along the Wilmington town line to the starting point. In precinct No. 6 there were 486 voters registered for the last town election.

"Conclusion — In compliance with Section 6 of Chapter 54 of the general laws (Tercenterary edition) we have, within 60 days of the adjournment of our annual town meeting on March 19, 1951, filed this report with the town clerk, together with a map of the proposed precincts. Signed —Wilmington Board of Selectmen."

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The Wilmington Widow and Her Fancies.

She "Tries On" a Coffin Every Week.

WILMINGTON, Nov. 22.—The peculiar stories which the neighbors tell about the strange conduct of the pretty millionaire widow, Mrs. Dr. Hiller, grow more frequent and startling as the time of her husband's funeral gets more remote. Dr. Hiller was buried in a $10,000 coffin. The other expenses of the funeral brought the cost up to nearly $30,000. The ceremony lasted from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until nearly midnight, when the widow went into the tomb alone, knelt by the box, and then came out and locked up the sarcophagus, and put the key in her pocket, as if she had closed a safe.

Since then her vigils have been unremitting. She has gone to Boston every day to attend to the business of the New England Medical Institute, a combined hospital and pill factory, which she and her husband started nearly 20 years ago, and which they conducted with great profit.

Before taking the Boston train she has her coachman drive her a mile over the hills to the tomb where the remains rest. Dismounting from her carriage with a bouquet in her hand, she goes up to the tomb and taps gently on the iron door. Getting no response, she says very softly: "May I come in?" Silence giving consent, she unlocks and opens the door, and says in a loud voice:—

"Good morning, my dear; how have you passed the night?" This done she inspects the costly casket, removes the old bouquet and puts a fresh one in its place, and, locking up, departs for Boston, where the clerks say she is "all business."

Hopes He Will Rest Well.

This is not all the attention the doctor receives. The widow has hired a night watchman in a mill close by to go to the tomb every morning at 6 o'clock and open it and say: "Good morning, Dr. Hiller." At 6 o'clock in the evening the same man visits the tomb again and says: "Good night, Dr. Hiller. We hope you will rest well." For performing these services the widow pays the watchman $5 a day, and he hopes the job will last, as he gets but $12 a week at the factory where he is employed.

Dozens of times before the doctor died, and twice since the funeral, Mrs. Hiller has had her own coffin "fitted" to her. This "trying on" process is a novel and interesting one. Some 40 rods back of the Hiller mansion is the cranberry house, a large barnlike structure, which now holds some 5000 bushels of cranberries raised on the estate.

Over the cranberry house is a large workshop, where the coffin which holds the doctor was made, and where the coffin intended to hold the widow, as well as the two $10,000 boxes intended to hold the coffins of husband and wife, are now in process of construction.

"Trying On" a Coffin.

When Mrs. Hiller wants to "try on" her coffin she rises very early. After taking a bath and robing herself in the finest of lace underclothing she puts on an expensive white satin dress, which she has made for her burial robe. Her hair is combed away from her forehead, and fairly sparkles with diamonds and other jewels. Throwing a mantle over her finery she rides away to the workshop. Here the ceremony begins.

A large mirror is suspended from the ceiling, directly over the coffin. Under the mirror and above the coffin, suspended by tackles and pulleys, is a snow white silk hammock, in which Mrs. Hiller is placed by her attendants, who take great pains to adjust her draperies and body to suit her taste.

When all is ready she gives the signal and the hammock and its contents are let down into the carved mahogany casket. Here Mrs. Hiller lies for several minutes, looking up into the mirror over her head and giving orders as to details of laying out. When everything is arranged to suit her she says:—

"I wish I could die now. Then I should know that everything would be all right. This waiting is tedious."

Having been fitted to her last home she is raised out again, dismounts from the hammock, goes home and changes her clothes. The attendants say that she seems to derive great satisfaction from these "trying on" processes, and that while she often comes to the cranberry house nervous and irritable, she always goes away contented and with an even pulse.

She has a great dread of growing old and gray herself, and is constantly in fear lest she may look bad when she is laid out.

In all the house there is no symbol of Christianity, and it is surmised that the lives of the occupants were supposed to make up for the artistic deficiency.

The neighbors all say that Dr. Hiller was a good man, without whim or oddity. They are equally emphatic in declaring that Mrs. Hiller is "queer." If so, it is a harmless queerness, and so long as she is amply able to foot the bills no one should find fault.

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Nieces at Funeral, to Townspeople's Surprise.

WILMINGTON, May 23—Followed by thousands of seekers after morbid excitement, who willingly tramped the weary mile from the house to the tomb, Mrs France B. Hiller was buried this afternoon in her two caskets which have for about 15 years been waiting and ready for her.

The funeral passed off without a hitch in any arrangement. The two nieces, Mrs McIntosh and Miss Mathison, rode in the cortège in a carriage provided by themselves and entered it from the Hiller mansion. There was no trouble or scene of any kind, a state of affairs the spectators were not led to anticipate.

The catafalque was strong enough to carry the casket, and no mishaps were met in the handling of the mass of wood and brass, although more than once it seemed as if the famous case would fall to the ground.

The procession left the house at the time fixed, and after the mass was sung at the church the body was taken to the tomb, the inner casket placed in the outer one, the whole rolled into the tomb and that sealed up at once. This work had so far progressed at sundown tonight that no one was left on guard, as has been the case during the past two nights.

Wilmington has never seen such a day since Dr Hiller, the husband, was buried 12 years ago, which was a very similar occasion. The only events in the little village which attract anywhere near the crowds of today are the annual cattle fairs, and the character of the multitude today was exactly like that which comes yearly to see the prize cattle and have a good time.

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SCENES AT FUNERAL OF MRS FRANCES HILLER AT WILMINGTON.

The day was practically a holiday i the village. There was no session o the schools, and every line of electric cars running into the town put on ex tras to accommodate the throngs o people who wanted to see the "giggling grotesquerie," as Kipling says.

It was totally unlike the numbers usually seen at a funeral, no matter how big or important it may be.

Hilarious Crowd.

This crowd was the most remarkable thing about the occasion. None of the solemn trappings which verged dangerously near the farcical awed them. They only found things to laugh at in the impressive catafalque, and were hilarious with mirth when the doors were shut, leaving still some hundreds of disappointed ones outside the pale.

They were out for a good time, a "day off," and they took no pains hypocritically to conceal that fact. They had no desire to appear solemn or circumspect, and pushed about the door and tried to worm their way forward in the line as if they had been waiting for symphony tickets.

One man remarked: "This is the most humiliating spectacle I have ever seen. I am sorry I am human."

The sun came out and cleared the sky about 8.30. The catafalque, which should have been in town from Woburn at that time, had not arrived, and the undertaker frequently came from the house and looked long and anxiously down the street. When it finally appeared about 9, everybody heaved a sigh of relief. The choice seats on the fences were taken by the early comers, but the arrival of the catafalque on its truck drawn by four coal-black horses cleared it. Every one wanted to inspect the car.

It had been lowered 14 inches from the original measurements, so that it might pass under the trolley wires, and when it came to rest it was evident that it had met with many trees on the way up. It was driven by Charles Nichols. Immediately on its arrival an agile attendant climbed aboard and over the top, and cleaned it of the leaves and small twigs with a brush broom.

Then all the hundreds of camera fiends who had been taking pictures of the body inside the house tried a few peeps the f[illegible]ral car.

Camera "Fiends" in Force.

The antics of these camera enthusiasts who ran riot in the chamber of death seemed to delight the inmates of the house, who were much in evidence, including the husband, who strode unconcernedly about occasionally whistling a tune, but talking little.

Meanwhile the hacks which were to carry the funeral party to the church and from there to the tomb were arriving in twos and threes.

At 9.15 the doors were closed and there was still a huge crowd of very much disappointed people waiting to see the "lady of the caskets."

Then the 10 bearers, all of them strong men, as they had to be to carry the casket weighing 700 pounds, formed into two lines on the lawn in the front of the house and the first carriage was summoned to the door. The bearers wore white gloves and were as follows: W. J. S. Marsh, William H. Carter, Stephen Buck, John Hoban, Charles Carter, George Allen, Howard Horton, Thomas McMahon, Rudolph Porter and Charles Moulton.

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anxious to see "Peter" the police force made another attempt to disperse the crowd which was without perceptible result.

The occupants of the carriages filed between the double row of bearers and into the hacks as follows:

First carriage—Henry Hiller 2d, the husband; Paul Surrette and wife, Agnes Surrette.

Second carriage—Mr and Mrs L. R. McIntosh, Mrs Davis, Mrs Watkins, Miss Jennie Mathison.

Third carriage—Louis Surrette and wife, Mrs Simon Porter, Mrs Charles Rose.

Fourth carriage—Mrs Louis Surrette, Mrs Rennie Babino, John Surrette, Eugene Surrette.

Fifth carriage—Mrs Celia Carter, Mrs J. W. Hoban, Miss Ring, Miss Kenney.

Sixth carriage—Mrs James E. Kelley, Mrs John Kelley, Miss Rosanne Kelley, Miss Riordan.

Seventh carriage—Dr Buzzell and wife, Charles Gowing and wife.

Surprising Presence.

Great was the astonishment of the townspeople to see Mr and Mrs McIntosh issue from the door of the house, accompanied by Mrs McIntosh's sister, Miss Mathison. When the town went to sleep last night it was with the knowledge that Mr Hiller had said that neither "Polly" nor her sister should see Mrs Hiller; neither should they ride to the tomb in any carriage provided by the estate. And it was also known that Mrs McIntosh had announced that she would take her husband with her to the funeral and proposed to see her aunt, Mrs Hiller.

So it was rather expected that there would be something of more than passing interest at the funeral. But late last evening the undertaker persuaded Henry Hiller 2d to compromise, and he allowed them to come to the house, but persisting that they should not utilize any carriage provided by the undertaker acting for the estate.

The undertaker felt that this was a small matter and could be easily arranged. He went to the McIntoshes and they agreed to that condition. The town did not know of that till this morning and they were consequently mystified at the sudden apparent reconciliation.

But it does not mean anything. The will will be contested by the nieces just the same.

Finally the elaborate floral tributes were brought out and disposed in an open barouche. Prominent among them was the clock stopped at 6.15, which came from the husband and which was lettered "The sad hour."

Then the funeral car was ordered to the front of the residence. The bearers were beckoned into the house and immediately the long French window from the room where the body lay to the plazza was thrown open. Inside, the 10 bearers could be seen receiving their last instructions from the undertaker as to how the body should be lifted. For the first time there was a silence of a moment or two and the click of the casket lid could be heard across the street. The casket was extremely awkward to carry, owing to its unusual hight and proportions.

After some moments had elapsed, the brass ornamented end of the mahogany case came into view through the window, and began to advance toward the street. The bearers were about it as thick as bees. But the weight was borne by the men on and near the ends, as those in the middle of the casket could not get near enough to sustain any of the weight.

Casket in Danger.

They brought it out as far as the plazza rail, and for a moment it seemed to rest on this frail rail, on which it scraped. There was a momentary shiver of the crowd, as it seemed as if the casket would surely fall. But the undertaker leaped over the railing, and some of the bearers rushed out of the house, and the big coffin laboriously proceeded on its journey to the funeral car.

Arrived at the back of the car, the greatest work of all was then to be done—to lift it almost to the hight of an ordinary man's head and shove it on to the center of the truck. Then again there was an agonizing moment when it seemed impossible sufficiently to elevate the body. But, with almost superhuman effort, one end was lifted and placed on the rear of the truck, which immediately began to roll on to the horses. Two men hastily jumped on to the truck and steadied the casket, and with an unseemly scramble the casket was pushed to its position in the center of the truck, tearing the broadcloth off the rollers as it passed.

A screwdriver and a couple of clothespins were wedged in behind it, two of the undertakers took their station at the head of it to hold it firm and the procession started.

One of the bearers was very nearly left, and had considerable sprinting to do across country to catch up with the cortege before it reached the church. The bearers walked on either side of the car.

Falling in directly behind the last carriage the private carriages of all descriptions and no descriptions, started after the parade and followed it to the church. Wheelmen and farmers' wagons slid along in dangerous proximity, and there were even some startling sweaters in the crowd to relieve the somber "best blacks" of the outlying farmers.

The church, which is a mission chapel of the Roman Catholic faith, is about a mile from the house. It is called St Thomas', and the body arrived there a little after 10 o'clock. Here it was again lifted from the catafalque with great straining and bending of backs and taken into the church. As the width of the door was but an inch and a half more than the extreme width of the casket the carrying in of the body was a very nice job, and was not accomplished without a slight accident to the side of the lid, where a piece of the mahogany about a foot and a half long was chipped off.

The solemn requiem high mass was sung by Rev Fr Lynch celebrant, Rev Fr McMahoney deacon and Rev Fr Ryan subdeacon, all from Andover.

The church was crowded with as many as could get in after the family was seated, and here the police force of two was increased by one man. The lid was not removed in the church, as the priests did not wish it to be taken off, and the services lasted a little over an hour.

Then the body was again placed on the car and taken round the corner to the tomb, while the bell in the church tolled 62 times, Mrs Hiller's age.

Scene at the Tomb.

Most of the people, who had found that nothing was to be gained by hanging about the church, had gone at once to the tomb after the mass was begun, and had found for themselves good vantage points where they might tickle their unhealthy curiosity with the last details of bestowel in the tomb.

The tomb is about 10 feet from the road, immediately within the gate of Wildwood cemetery, and is built into the side of an artificial hill, which towers above it some 30 feet. The outer casket which last night was in the tomb beside the double casket holding the remains of Dr Hiller, had been rolled out and awaited the coming of the funeral cortege in front of the door of the tomb.

The funeral party grouped themselves in the portico of the tomb about the sarcophagus, the cover of which was removed and laying in an adjacent lot.

Then the casket was lifted for the last time from the funeral car, and the hardest task of the day began, the enclosing of the inner casket in the outer one. This was accomplished only after several minutes of hard work. It was then rolled into place inside the tomb and the outer lid was put on. This lid gives Mrs Hiller's name as France, not Frances. There is no date of death engraved on this plate, and only the woman's name, with this sentiment: "This wasted life I leave behind."

After this outer lid was placed on, the waiting crowd which had outdone itself in pushing against the workmen was allowed to pass up one side of the entrance and down the other. A Reading policeman stood in the entrance and requested the visitors not to "greet your friends in the line; wait till you are outside."

This ended the services and exercises. But the crowd still lingered and walked past the entrance to the tomb till the workmen began to brick up the wall which was torn down for the admittance of the bodies.

This work was completed tonight and tomorrow the sod will be replaced and the wonderful caskets will be shut from view. When this work is done the mound will present the appearance of an ordinary mound of earth.

There was an abundant dinner served the funeral guests at the house, and it was learned there that the mansion will be kept open, at least till Mrs Jeens gets there. She is Mrs Hiller's sister in England, who is appointed administratrix of the will, and who is now on her way to this country.

Half an hour after the body was finally placed in the tomb the town was as empty and quiet as it was before it sprang into such notoriety through its two Hiller funerals and famous school board report.

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The all-absorbing topic of conversation in our village for the past few days has been the approaching nuptials of Mrs. France B. Hiller, widow of the late Dr. Henry Hiller. The rumor started some weeks ago, and, as is the nature of such reports, has grown in the telling till it assumed gigantic proportions, and there was nothing too exaggerated or absurd to gain credence with the majority. However, nothing was known for a certainty till very recently, when the report was declared a fact by no less a personage than the lady herself.

Ever since Mrs. Hiller conceived and carried out the idea of having her husband's and her own casket of rare wood and most intricate and elaborate carving prepared and stored ready for use, she has been of no little interest to her fellowmen, and the notoriety then attained has increased rather than diminished with the passing years, and her coming and going, what she was or was not doing, and her affairs in general, have been well looked after by the inhabitants of the quiet country town which for more than fifteen years has been her home the greater portion of each year. As will be remembered, Dr. Henry Hiller died just as his casket was completed, and, enclosed in the costly and unique sarcophagus, he has peacefully reposed under the mound erected to his memory in the little cemetery among the pines. John McGregor, too, the skilled artist in wood carving, whose exquisite work on the caskets should forever perpetuate his name, also passed away, shortly after completing his work, thus leaving Mrs. Hiller as sole survivor of the trio so deeply interesting at that time to the community. So it is that now when the much-talked-of widow proposes to once more enter the matrimonial ranks, taking as Dr. Hiller's successor her coachman, or, more properly speaking, her man-of-all-work, Peter Surrette, public interest and curiosity are once more at the highest pitch. At the probate court recently held at Cambridge Mrs. Hiller entered a petition that the name of the said Peter Surrette be changed to Henry Hiller, which prayer was granted by Judge Brooks, and by that name he will henceforth be known. He is rather a stolid young Frenchman of apparently little education. The wedding is announced for Easter Sunday, to take place in the Catholic church, Father Ryan officiating, and to which end the church is being frescoed, and otherwise embellished, at the expense of the prospective bride. Although a woman of great eccentricity, as all will admit, Mrs. Hiller has nevertheless been of much benefit pecuniarily to Wilmington, giving time and money with equal generosity in the interest of the village, and whatever was for the town's improvement always met with her hearty co-operation. To illustrate this fact, one has but to visit our cemetery, which was, but a year or two ago, little better than a tangle of scrub oak and blackberry vines, neglected and forlorn, but which today, largely through Mrs. Hiller's money and executive ability when on the cemetery committee, presents an appearance, considering its size, to compare favorably with those of far larger towns than Wilmington. New avenues have been laid out, and old ones widened, lots reclaimed, and cared for, which had long been given over to neglect, and many stones reset, and a picturesque summer house erected on the new land. Mrs. Hiller is also a woman of manifold charities, and many a family of straitened means has cause to think kindly of one whose purse is always open to the wants of the needy. We wish her all joy, and even though Cupid has marked her for his own we trust her interest will not wane in the town of her adoption.

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Despite the gossip, favorable and otherwise, despite the many obstacles proverbially obstructing the course of true love, *the* marriage of the season has at last taken place. Amid flowers and sweet music, the glorious sunshine of Easter Sunday filling the quaint little church of St. Thomas with radience, Mrs. France B. Hiller and Henry Hiller were joined in holy matrimony by Rev. Fr. Ryan, according to the rites of the Catholic church, a special dispensation having been granted by Archbishop Williams whereby the renewal of their marriage vows was rendered legal, one ceremony having been previously performed by a Protestant clergyman, Rev. Frederick Allen, of Boston

The bride was dressed in a simply-fashioned gown of rich white satin, en train, the slight garniture consisting only of a ribbon ruching as a footing for the front of the skirt, and deep Empire ruffles of rare lace falling over the full sleeves, which came well over the hands, which were encased in white gloves of undressed kid. The silver pin confining the long veil was the one bit of jewelry worn, and a tiny cluster of lilies of the valley in the high coiffure, with a corsage and hand bouquet of the same fragrant flowers completed a toilet elegant in its simplicity. The groom's suit of black broadcloth fitted him to perfection, and throughout the ceremony he bore himself with the dignity befitting his new station in life. The bridemaids, Misses Rose Kelly and Annie McEnroe, were gowned in soft white china silk, simply made, as befitted their youthfulness, and little Miss Margaret Day of Boston, the maid of honor, furnished the bit of bright coloring for the party by her frock of pale blue satin and the wreath of forget-me-nots resting on her yellow hair. She preceded the bridal party to the altar, scattering roses as she went. Mr. William J. Cleary of Boston acted as best man, and the ushers were Mr. John Kelley and Mr. Joseph Doucette. Twelve hacks, with milk white steeds, conveyed the guests to and from the church, and the one carrying the bridal party was drawn by four snowy horses with silver mounted trappings.

On returning to the house a reception was in order, which was considerably shortened, however, by the sudden illness of the bride, caused by over-fatigue and a sprained ankle, which necessitated her withdrawal from her guests, and the attendance of her physician. Mrs. Othniel Eames and Mrs. James Kelly entertained for her, however, and with the music furnished by Mr. James H. Murphy and Mr. Philip Peters of Boston, and the delicious viands served in the richly appointed dining room, by Caterer Hersom of Chelsea and his assistants, the guests were enabled to pass the time agreeably, even though debarred from wishing joy to the happy couple. The house was handsomely decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. Among the guests were noticed the following from out of town: Hon. Boardman Hall, Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Allen, Mr. J. Thompson, Dr. Granville Bacon, Dr. Brown, Mr. Tenney, Mrs. and Miss Emerson, Dr. Waite, George Moulton, T. Foley, Howard A. Lewis, and others whose names were not learned. Some of the home guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Othniel Eames, Arthur Eames, Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Eames, Mrs. Joseph Ames, N. Joseph Ames, jr., Mrs. Adelaide Ames, Miss Sabra Jaquith, Dea. Allen Sheldon, Mrs. Abbott, Mr. William Marsh, Mr. Henry Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Darius Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Horton, Mrs. Dowd, Mrs. George Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Holt, Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Buzzell, Mr. George Buck, Miss Helen Buck, Miss Francene Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McEnroe, Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, Miss Susie McEnroe, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Bush, Rev. Fr. J. J. Ryan, James Kelly.

All available space in the street fronting the house was filled with vehicles of all sorts and descriptions, the occupants of which were evidently on sight-seeing intent, and for hours they held their position with the grim determination of viewing the bridal pageant written all over their faces, while the crowd on the sidewalk soon forgot where the highway ended and private property began, and jostled each other over the lawn and even to the entrance steps, in their eagerness to see. It was an orderly crowd, however, and so they were allowed to hold their positions. Although curiosity is supposed to be a clearly feminine attribute, we must tell the plain, unvarnished truth, and confess that with our own eyes we saw more than one gray-haired lord of creation roosting, like shut-out turkeys on a frosty night, in the branches of the trees near the church, and they were not particularly short men either, like Zaccheus of old. But it is all over now, and Wilmington is once more the quiet little village of old, and the days are rolling on, bringing us all step by step nearer the time when we shall be without the pale of human events, and the land where there is neither marrying nor giving in marriage. MILO.

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THE BOSTON GLOBE—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1900

MRS HILLER'S ECCENTRICITIES.

Alleged Morphine and Liquor Habits Brought Out In Contest of Her Will.

SOME OF THE PERSONS WHO FIGURE IN THE HILLER WILL CASE.

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The attack on the will of the late Mrs France B. Hiller of Wilmington, dated April 21, 1900, was begun in the East Cambridge probate court yesterday, before Judge McIntire.

In this will Mrs Hiller left to Henry H. Hiller 2d, her latest husband, formerly Peter Surette, her general utility man for a couple of years, and to Mrs Mary A. Jeens of Bishopton, Bristol, Eng, her daughter, most of her property. Her other daughter, Mrs Lucy C. Hill of Georgetown, British Guiana, was cut off with $25.

An earlier will, offered for probate soon after Mrs Hiller's death, dated July 1, 1898, gave Mrs Hill $10, $5000 each to the Massachusetts, homeopathic and Boston city hospitals, to found free beds, one-half the income of the remainder to Henry H. Hiller 2d and one-half to Yale and the hospital cottages for children in Baldwinsville, and on Hiller's death the whole of that remainder to Yale and the hospital cottages equally.

This will of July 1, 1898, does not enter into the present contest.

The feature of the morning session was the attempt by Mr Nutter, in behalf of Mrs Hill, to prove that Mrs Hiller was a confirmed morphine taker, and was addicted to the use of liquor.

Dr Daniel F. Buzzell of Wilmington testified that he had practiced in Wilmington for 15 years. Knew France B. Hiller 14 years. Had witnessed her signature on the will dated April 21, 1900, in which Henry Hiller 2d and Mrs Mary A. Jeens were the principal beneficiaries. Witness signed as a witness and identified his signature. She was in sound mind, in his opinion.

Cross-examined, witness said he gave whisky and water and a morphine powder the night the will was signed.

Witness testified Mrs Hiller used to take morphine when he first attended her. He only saw her take what he gave her. He had given her three or four doses of one grain each. Mrs Hiller told him she occasionally took morphine.

Witness had seen her when he thought she had been drinking liquor. Had seen her under the influence of morphine administered by him.

At the time of her wedding with the second Mr Hiller the witness said Mrs Hiller took some morphine. It did not quiet her. Then he gave her some chloral, and she went to sleep. This was immediately after the wedding. She became very excited and disturbed after the wedding. When she arrived home from the church she was hysterical. Her face became dark. Witness gave her a heavy dose. He saw her every half hour for some time that night.

Mrs Hiller kept morphine at hand. Witness used to buy it for her. He furnished her for one or two years with 1000 tablets containing one-eighth of a grain each. He did this twice a year. Witness did not know whether she kept chloral at hand. Did not know where she got her morphine previous to that time.

On the redirect examination the witness said there was no trace of the use of morphine or alcohol prior to the time Mrs Hiller signed the will.

Witness said he had never seen anything about Mrs Hiller that would indicate unsoundness of mind. To the best of Dr Buzzell's knowledge Mrs Hiller used no morphine other than what he furnished her.

Mrs Celia Carter, now living at Mrs Hiller's late home, testified she had known Mrs Hiller 11 years, and had been housekeeper there since November last. She was one of the witnesses of the will, and identified it as the one she had witnessed. It was torn and stained the night of April 21.

Mrs Hiller was in poor health when she first went there. Witness had given her two or three pills in a day, sometimes two or three twice a day. Some days she took none. Witness did not know what the pills were. Mrs Hiller most always had liquor on hand, and took it some times. Had seen Hiller 2d under the influence of liquor since November.

Dr A. W. F. Clark was the first witness at the afternoon session. He testi- that on one occasion when he called on Mrs Hiller she wanted to show him her money.

The nurse said "He does not want to see it." Mrs Hiller said, "Yes, he does. People round here have got an idea that I haven't got any money and I want them to know I have."

She produced some pocket books which were well filled with bills, a bag with silver in it, and a pair of corsets with pockets on the sides well filled with money.

Dr Clark testified that he did not know Mrs Hiller was taking morphine under prescription from any one. She had a bottle containing 1000 tablets.

Cross-examined, he testified that his experience with morphine patients was gained in hospitals where he had studied. Mrs Hiller was taking one-eighth of a grain of morphine three times a day. The amount a confirmed eater would take depended much on the individual. He knew of cases where 60 grains a day were taken. Mrs Hiller showed no dangerous symptoms from morphine she took. She did not show the morphine eater's symptoms.

Witness told Mrs Hiller that alcoholism was what ailed her. There was a quart flask at the head of her bed, but witness did not smell or taste it or ask about it. The contents of the bottle decreased day by day.

Henry Hiller, the husband, was next called. He testified that his original name was Peter Surrette. It was changed by him to marry Frances B. Hiller. She requested it and it was done legally. Witness was born at Eel Brook, N S. Cannot read, write or spell. Could not tell the date of his birth. He was 32 in June or July. Came from Nova Scotia 13 years ago and worked cutting ice in Concord. Worked two years for Mrs Hiller, when she asked him to marry her.

The marriage took place seven years ago, in the church in Wilmington, Fr Ryan performing the ceremony. Knew nothing of her past life Did not know then whether any of her former husbands were alive or not.

Witness was present when the will was signed. He saw the will three weeks after. Mrs Hiller read it to him. Knew nothing of other wills and did not know she had made any other.

Witness had seen Mrs Hiller take three morphine tablets at a time when she was in pain. She took some liquor. Couldn't say he had ever seen her under the influence of liquor. Never saw her under the influence of morphine. She was up and about just before the will was signed. She signed checks and attended to her mail.

Witness later admitted he had seen one will some time before he had seen the one dated April 21, 1900. It was kept in the elephant clock. Showed it to his brother. That night Mrs Hiller burned it. He did know that by that will he was to have the property, horses, etc.

Witness acknowledged that one marriage ceremony between Mrs Hiller and himself was performed by a minister in Boston. He could not tell when, where or by whom the ceremony was performed.

Joseph B. Thompson, registrar of deeds at Lowell, testified that he knew Mrs Hiller. Had known of other wills by Mrs Hiller.

Witness produced one dated 1889. He said a number of copies of it were made. Witness testified that the copy was given to him for safe keeping by Mrs Hiller. Had seen the original will and this was a true copy.

Mr Nutter offered the will as evidence to show the condition of Mrs Hiller's mind.

Mr Bayley objected on the ground that Mr Nutter was trying to overthrow the April 21, 1900, will by evidence which dated back 11 years.

Mr Nutter said that it was one of a series of acts showing that she gave away millions when her estate amounted to only about $40,000. She had no adequate idea of the extent of her property nor of how to dispose of it.

Mr Bayley claimed that the circumstances 11 years ago were different, as she was then in a very lucrative business.

The copy was not admitted at this time. Adjourned until Wednesday.

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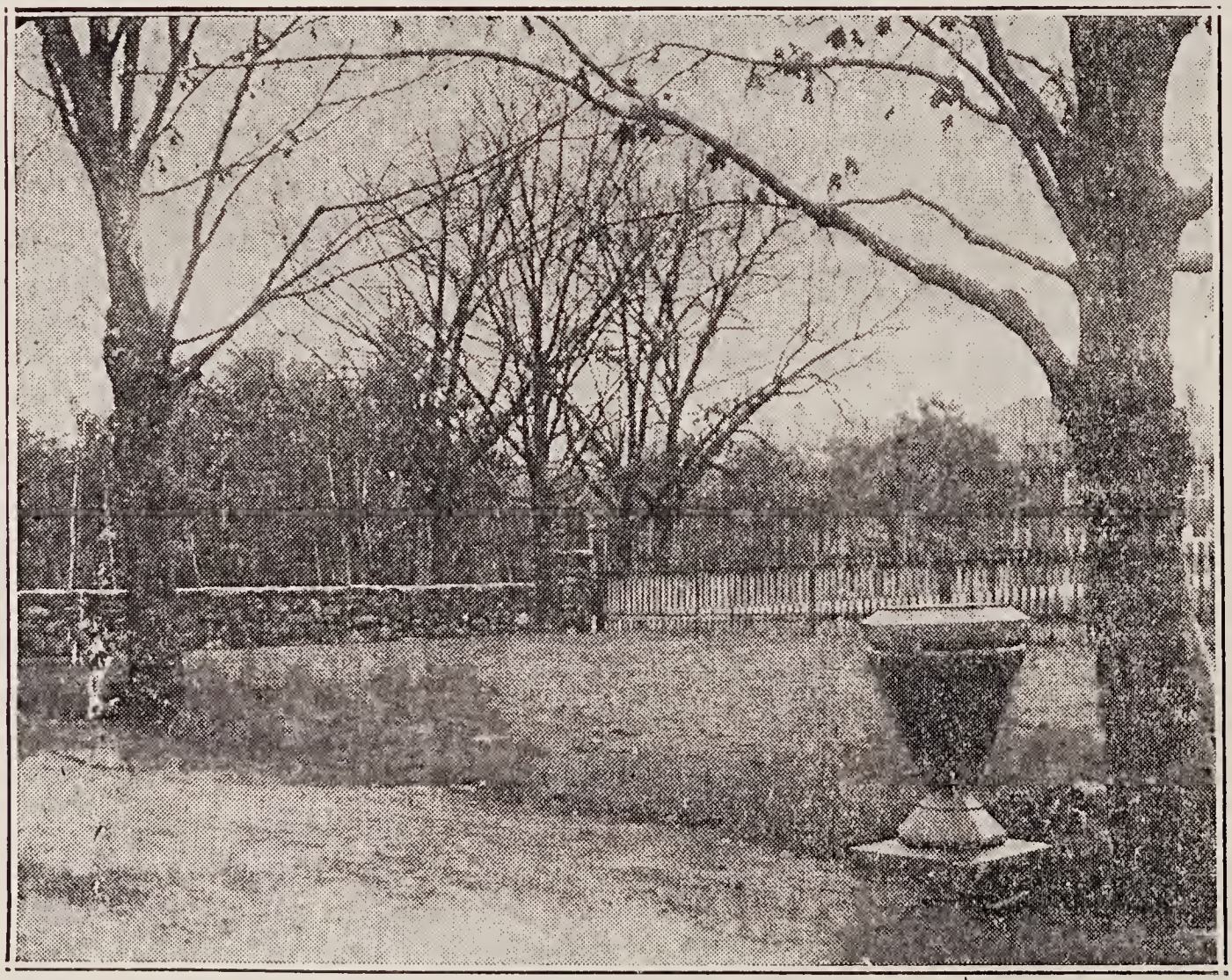
Moving $35,000 Caskets Recalls Bizarre Drama

Wilmington Stirred by Latest Chapter in Generation-Old Tale of Dr Hiller and His Wife—Torchlight Procession to Cemetery Where Wealthy Doctor Was Laid to Rest



THE $35,000 CASKETS ARE BURIED HERE

The tomb which until recently occupied the site has been removed and the caskets placed in the ground, contrary to Mrs Hiller's wishes.

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By DONALD B. WILLARD

WILMINGTON, Mass, Nov 16—Thirty-five thousand dollars Dr Henry Hiller and his wife spent for their caskets, a generation ago, and the story of it does not end.

Dr Hiller lived in Wilmington and he was rich. His wife and he, dreading to be laid in the cold ground when their earthly days should end, planned for themselves the most elaborate coffins in the world and one of the world's handsomest mausoleums.

They got the caskets, of incredibly carved Spanish mahogany, brass and gold, but they did not get the mausoleum. For 35 years they shared a tomb and now, by a twist of circumstance which has roused an acrimonious controversy in Wilmington, they are buried in a concrete vault in the very earth which they thought to escape.

Dr Hiller has been dead since 1888. His wife, Mrs Frances B Hiller, has been gone since 1900. And the drama in which they played the leading parts is something to marvel at.

A Devoted Couple

Dr Hiller came from an old Cape Cod family by way of Germany. He was born in Mannheim and received his medical degree from the University of Goettingen. After his graduation he traveled in England and in London in 1868, he married Mrs Hiller. The latter's origins are not clear, although it is said that she was a British subject, graduate of a London medical school. It is probable that she was somewhat older than Dr Hiller, although it seems that she kept her age to herself.

At any rate, she and her husband were devoted to each other. They arrived in Wilmington about 1873, settled down there and proceeded to become the most talked of couple in town.

Dr Hiller built a house a stone's throw from the Wilmington railroad station. It was a big house of 12 or 14 rooms, depending on how you count them. On the granite steps was carved the name "Hiller." Around three sides ran a covered porch down to the floor of which dropped the first-story windows. Colored glass illuminated the front door and bordered the long windows.

Dr Hiller's Elixir

Indoors everything was of the best of the period. The wall paper, for example, was of such quality that today, cleaned and restored, it shines as though 60 years had merely brightened it. The ceilings were high. An unusual ornament was a five-foot alligator, carved from mahogany, sprawling at the bottom of the bannister of the front stairs, mouth opened to bite.

In a tank in the back yard they manufactured gas, which served to illuminate the house. And in the front yard, to make the premises something pretty special in that horse and buggy era, was a fountain which actually spouted water. Take it all in all, the Hiller house was practically the village mansion.

And the Hillers, according to all reports, had the money to run the place. The money came from Dr Hiller's business. He sold a patent medicine, a liquid preparation advertised as a cure for various ailments and a revitalizer or restorer of energy. A medical journal of the period declared the great elixir was composed mostly of whisky and water. But it sold well.

The doctor's offices were in Tremont Row, Boston, where, it is said, he had no less than eight MD's working for him. He believed in advertising, and he is said to have spent $100,000 for that purpose each year. The customers got so they cried for Dr Hiller's elixir, whatever was in it, at $3 or $5 a bottle, and the money just rolled in. He made $1000 a week, $4000 a week, $75,000 a year —whatever you want to believe. They say the doctor spoke seven language, and he took in the shekels in all of them.

Good Spenders

Both he and Mrs Miller used their money generously. They bought much of the land near the present site of the Wilmington railroad station, where are now located the Postoffice, the police station and the bank. Much of the land was low and swampy, and they had it filled. They did a lot for the churches, and local tradition has it that they were always accessible when it was a question of helping the needy.

Dr Hiller, besides speaking seven languages, played the flute and the piano. In addition, he collected rare stuffed animals. Just what the rare animals were is not remembered today, but he had a worthwhile collection, housed in a building he had erected for them. He intended to establish a museum, but after his death the animals were sold, and the building came to house the local lodge of Masons.

Mrs Hiller was by no means neglected by the doctor. A certain town official of the present day remembers helping her aboard a Boston-bound train.

"She had rings on all her fingers and even on her thumbs," says he. "I said to myself, if she ever falls down we'll need a derrick to lift her up."

Attired in a white satin dress, Mrs Hiller used to walk the streets of Wilmington with her husband, in the cool of Summer evenings.

The Great Project

Mrs Hiller is said to have been highly intelligent. She had a good knowledge of medicine, art and literature, and she and the doctor used to spend their evenings with music and discussions of the worthwhile things of life.

Among these discussions the matter of immortality must have been treated frequently. Mrs Hiller had a dread of decay of the body. She was not afraid of death, but she did not like the idea of the inevitable return of the human husk to its native clay. Presumably her husband shared her views.

Therefore, the couple embarked upon their project. This was to build for themselves caskets which should be as nearly perpetually resistant as possible. They thought of the Egyptian practice of mummification, but that was not possible. Caskets it had to be, and the caskets were to be placed on high for all to see, so that people might come from all corners of the earth in after years to admire.

They called in James W. McGregor of Cambridge, a draftsman and woodcarver. This was about the year 1886.

"Make for us such a casket as never was seen before," the doctor and Mrs Hiller told McGregor.

McGregor did. We'd like to know McGregor's thoughts, for he was embarking upon a task which was to take all his time for seven years. McGregor must have had some odd thoughts of his own on the subject of immortality, as he labored with patient skill during the years.

Death of Dr Hiller

The first casket was to have been for Mrs Hiller. She expected to go first, but she didn't.

Towards the end of September, or the first part of October, 1888, Dr Hiller was thrown from his carriage. He thought little of it, but he didn't recover from the shock. On the 7th of November he died, "from the pressure of stomach gas on his heart." (Some say the inscription on his casket declares he died of pneumonia.)

Two weeks before his death someone asked the doctor how his casket was coming along.

"O, all right," the doctor replied. "Mine will be ready when I want it."

But it wasn't. McGregor hadn't finished, and the mausoleum wasn't built. There was a funeral, well attended, and Dr Hiller's body was placed in a tomb at Winchester to await McGregor.

Mrs Hiller, left bereaved, concentrated on Wildwood Cemetery. She planted trees there and encouraged others to do likewise. She had fertilizer and good soil carried in. And she had built, just at the left of one of the main gates, a big tomb, covered with earth and grass, to receive the casket when it should be ready.

Torchlight Procession

That, as it turned out, was the next September. On the evening of Sept 4, 1889, there was such a torchlight procession as few New England towns have ever seen. Everyone who had helped to beautify the cemetery was invited to attend. A special train came out from Boston, arriving at 6 p m, bringing mourners and Lindall's band. The countryside, according to

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.e newspapers, was "drained of its inhabitants." Everybody's horse and buggy was there.

After dark the parade formed at Mrs Hiller's house. It was headed by the band. There were torches everywhere. The band led the way to Wildwood, a couple of miles distant, with hundreds of people in all sorts of vehicles tagging along. There the band played the dead march in "Saul" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

From the cemetery the party returned to the Wilmington Town Hall, adorned for the occasion with a crayon portrait of Dr Hiller and bunting. A Congregational clergyman read a eulogy of the doctor, and the party dispersed. Dr Hiller was in his casket and the casket was in the tomb.

It may be imagined that there had been enough talk about this casket already. Now, however, everybody had had a look at it, and tongues clacked all over Middlesex County and beyond.

Description of Casket

This reporter didn't see the famous caskets, which are now under the ground in a concrete vault. He can only pass on some excerpts from descriptions written at the time.

"The lid," said a Globe writer of 1889, "has two vines creeping up from the foot of the lid, meeting about a human skull carved from nature. Out of the skull's left eye-socket creeps a lizard, giving the death's head a most ghastly appearance. . . ."

That gives you some idea. Other items on the casket were dragons, angels, cupids and demons. In one place were a bat and two serpents. In another was an owl, holding a field mouse in its claws. Everywhere on the carving—which was done on Spanish mahogany four inches thick—were mingled the good and the evil, symbolizing the mixture of both elements in life.

Every square inch of the casket was carved with carving. Also on it were plates of brass and gold. One plate held a photograph of Dr Hiller. Inside an inner casket the body lay on a steel hammock.

To uphold the casket were four lions' paws, each 17 inches tall, of solid brass. The brass work for both caskets, in fact, was on display for a time at the brassmonger's shop of T. F. McGann, at 104 Portland st, Boston. There were eight paws, altogether, costing $100 apiece and weighing, altogether, 475 pounds.

When equipped with its supports, the doctor's casket stood nearly five feet high. It weighed a ton—literally.

Construction of the casket by no means ended Mrs Hiller's plans. The mausoleum she intended to build was to be 40 feet square and 40 feet high. There were to be glass-inclosed spaces, so that visitors could come and gaze upon the caskets.

"Two men," said Mrs Hiller then, "will have charge of the building always, so long as the world lasts."

Little she knew.

With Dr Hiller safely in his casket, and the casket in the tomb, Mrs Hiller put McGregor to work on the second casket, the one which was to contain Mrs Hiller's remains. The second casket duplicated the first, and it was finished in another three years or so.

Mrs Hiller was proud of that casket. She used to keep it in the house. Sometimes she would climb in it, so people could see how she would look. She had a wax model of herself made, attired in burial robes, and she placed the model in

She thought she'd put the casket on exhibition and make a lot of money. She hired Horticultural Hall in Boston. She draped the hall with black. An eight-horse dray transported the heavy casket to Boston.

People were interested all right, but not to the extent of paying their money to look at a coffin. They stayed away in large numbers, and the venture was a dismal financial failure.

The Coachman

The late doctor's business began to fall off, and the golden torrent dwindled. Mrs Hiller was no business woman, it appeared. Besides that, people robbed her left and right. She threw a lot of parties. Some say that some of the parties cost $7000 or $8000, but that seems like an exaggeration. At any rate, it seems that hospitality often flowed freely.

In the early '90s Mrs Hiller engaged a coachman. He was Peter Surrette, 22 years old, born in Montreal. He could neither read nor write, but he was big and handsome and he had a black mustache. Mrs Hiller was about 50 then.

She fell in love with the coachman. By a special act of the Legislature she had his name changed to Henry Hiller—the very name of her first husband. And she married him.

First she married him in Roxbury before a Protestant clergyman. Later, she married him in Wilmington, before a Catholic priest. For the latter ceremony she sent out invitations in gold on red cards, reading:

"You are cordially invited to be present at the renewal of the marriage vows of Frances B. Hiller, MD, and Henry Hiller, at their residence, at 2 o'clock, Easter Sunday, April 2, 1893."

Big Crowd at Ceremony

The people came, all right, in "buggies, sulkies, buckboards, coaches and express wagons rigged with settees," not to mention bicycles. The road in front of the house was cluttered two deep with parked bicycles for a quarter of a mile in either direction. It was a time. For 10 days beforehand Mrs Hiller had paid no attention to business. In skipping downstairs to tell her fiance about some cablegrams of congratulations, she had sprained her ankle so she could hardly move.

She had outfitted all the ushers and the best man at her own expense, in cutaway coats and trousers "of black diagonal." Their vests were of white satin, "marked with a small pink figure." Their badges were of white satin ribbon fastened with pins made of $5 gold pieces.

The bride wore a "white satin dress, cut en train, with an empire ruffle from the point of the waist over the shoulders to the back. The bottom was trimmed with a ruffle of white ribbon." She wore a long train and a veil caught with a silver pin, but no other jewelry. She wore a bunch of lilies of the valley at her neck and carried a bouquet of them in her hands.

Her coach was drawn by four milk white horses. A dozen other carriages in the procession to the church were drawn by two white horses each.

Mad Race to the Church

The departure from the house was delayed an hour or so. Finally it got under way. The procession was described by a reporter as "a mad race to the church." Nothing like it had ever been seen in Wilmington before. Everybody in the world was trailing behind, and no doubt there was shouting, yelling and confusion doubly confounded.

Arrived at St Thomas Church—which bore frescoes donated by Mrs Hiller—the bridal party crossed the sidewalk on a carpet. In the center of the church was a mammoth floral bell. Beneath the bell Rev Fr J. J. Ryan of Andover performed the ceremony.

The bridegroom, said the reporter, "conducted himself in an unembarrassed manner and gave the responses in a firm, clear voice."

After the ceremony the bride had to be carried to her carriage, because of the pain of her ankle. When the couple came out into the street, they were cheered by the assembled multitude. They dashed back to the house for a reception and a collation.

But Mrs Hiller couldn't stand the pain of her ankle. She had to be taken upstairs. "She swooned twice," said the reporter. A doctor gave her a sleeping potion and she remained in seclusion. Downstairs, the party went merrily on. And the wedding trip was postponed.

Guard at Tomb

Let it not be thought, however, that the first Henry Hiller was forgotten. His casket was in a tomb, a vault of brick and concrete covered over with sod. It was above ground, all right, and Mrs Hiller was afraid of vandals.

Therefore, she had a little house built just outside it. Outside the tomb she caused a big kerosene lamp to burn all night every night, and on guard in the little house she stationed a watchman. He stayed there for years.

During the next few years the Hiller fortune dwindled. For a time, they say, Mrs Hiller came to Boston and lived in a room in Tremont row, over the business office. But the business wouldn't pay, and eventually she sold it to a group of Boston men for $4000. They couldn't make it pay either, and finally Dr Hiller's beneficial elixir was lost to the world for want of a manufacturer.

Mrs Hiller tried to practice medicine herself. Once she set a broken arm, local historians recall, and couldn't quite make it. She was sued. On other occasions she tried to help the suffering, but never with success. She gave that up.

Once, they say, she gave a "Fertilizer Party." She was interested in developing Wildwood Cemetery, and she offered a ticket to her party to anybody who'd contribute a two-horse load of fertilizer to the thin soil of the graveyard. She even had tickets printed, bearing the heading "Fertilizer Party."

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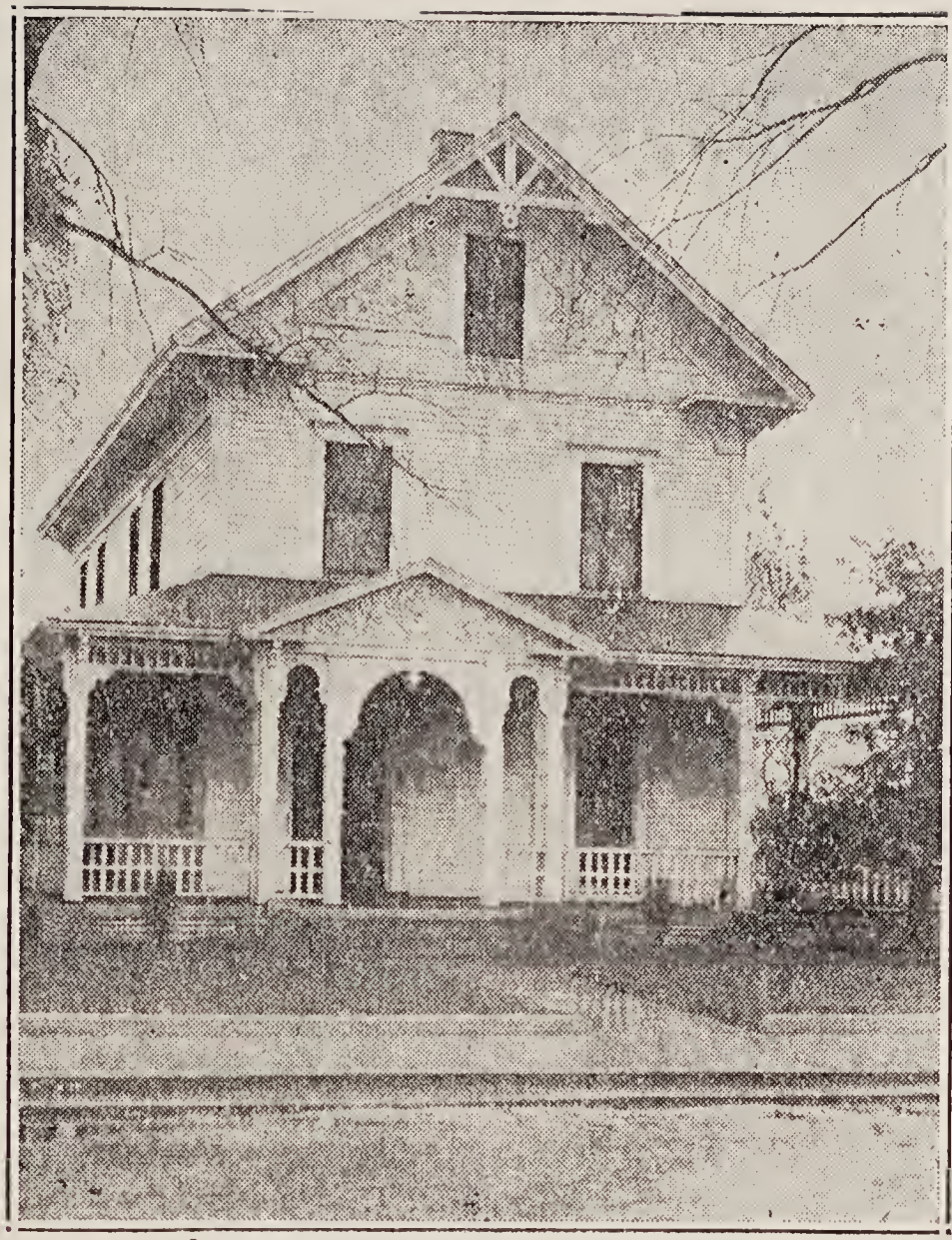

THE HILLER HOME AT WILMINGTON
The interior of the house is magnificent.

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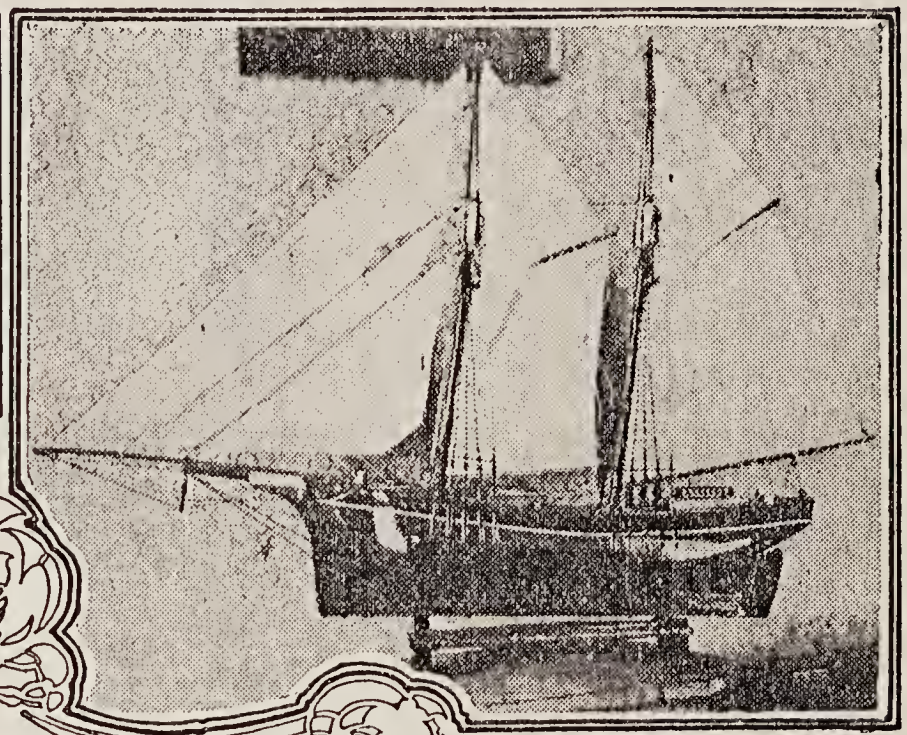
NEVER RODE ON A STEAM TRAIN. VISITED BOSTON. RODE ON A TROLLEY CAR.

Yet Henry Wilson, Sargent a Mechanical Genius, Has Lived More Than Thirty Years at Wilmington, Within 15 Miles of the Hub of the Universe.

THE HOME OF HENRY WILSON. WILMINGTON. MASS



SCHOONER YACHT BUILT BY HENRY WILSON.

To literally obey the command of "holy writ" about being in the world and at the same time not being of it, is apparently no hardship for Henry Wilson of Wilmington, this state.

It seems almost incredible that a man over 30 years of age, in fairly good health and of average natural intelligence should pass his life within 15 miles of a great city and never visit it.

Such, however, is true in the case of Henry Wilson. He has not only never visited Boston, but he has never ridden on a steam train or an electric car.

He can look across the fields in front of his house and watch the "modern Pegasus" go panting by with human freight toward the great city; the trolley car whizzes past his back door; but if he has had even the slightest desire to ride behind the "iron horse" or on the "broomstick train," he has never made it known to others.

The greatest distance he was ever known to travel away from home was when, at the age of 5, he was taken to a fair in Woburn.

This wonderful record seems stranger still, when it is learned that he was never seen in church but two or three times in his life, and that was over 20 years ago, and his school days numbered only about 20.

He has never known the pleasure of the companionship of boy or girl, never attended a party, church supper or a country dance, and through his life of isolation and his ignorance of the gentler sex, he has lived so far contented.

He is a fair scholar, plays the organ and, above all, possesses mechanical ability to a very great degree. When asked how he spends his time, he points to the beautiful model of a schooner yacht, complete in every detail.

HENRY WILSON POSING FOR HIS PICTURE WITH HIS MODEL OF YACHT

"During the winter," he says, "I spend most of the hours with my tools, and in the summer I plant a garden and work on the place. As near as I can reckon," he adds, "it cost me over $300 to make this model."

The yacht is a beautiful piece of workmanship, and would be a credit to any man who was a master of the shipbuilding art, and is still more so to him, because he has never seen a yacht or schooner in his life, and got his ideas from what others told him and what little he has read.

He has a beautiful model of a church, which he has made for a birdhouse, and some very ingenious windmills, that are a wonder to the people for miles around.

His mother married a second time when he was very young, and he went to live with two grand aunts. As he was rather a delicate child, they feared that if he was allowed to do as other children did he would not live to grow up. So he was reared apart from the rest of the world, with no companions but the two old ladies, who kept him always with them and trained him in such a manner that ere long all desire to mingle with the outside world and his fellow beings had gone from Henry Wilson.

One of the old ladies has died, but Henry and the other live happy and comfortable in the old house where their ancestors have dwelt for generations.

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ILLUSTRATIONS

Sheldon Moved the Blacksmith House, Upper Left, from Boston to Wilmington, Massachusetts, Which I Visited After Leaving My Gracious Hostess of the Farmhouse, at the Right, Where I Was Shown the Old-Time Bicycle and Baby Carriage.

← The Sheldon Homestead.

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By Clarice Lorenz

THERE is a town about thirty-five minutes out of Boston, much like a hundred other towns in the country surrounding the Hub, the name of which would make no impression on the cosmopolitan until he was told that it is on the Lowell road. Then he might evince a feeble interest, and say, "Oh yes, yes! I passed through there once on my way to a funeral!" It is a town with an unnamed Main Street, and no sidewalks.

On a back road, a few miles distant from this busy centre, is one of those unspoiled white farm-houses, not yet discovered by the tourist. It attracted my attention one day when I was exploring a nearby swamp that was filled with a delightful confusion of dried stalks like candles set in a tall candelabra and milk-weed pods that gave promise of ideas for Christmas presents a-plenty.

Going up to the house, I jerked at the old brass knocker, and immediately received one of those characteristic New England welcomes which make one wonder why people say "The South is warm; the North is cold!"

When the Book Agent Prospered

The New England farmhouse with its traditional parlor used exclusively for "funerals, weddings and Sabbath afternoons" is no myth. This particular home contains just such a one, measuring perhaps 15 x 15.

When I attempted to sit down with dignity on a red plush revolving piano stool that stood in front of a square piano with yellow keys, I teetered perilously. My hostess clutched me by the arm just in time, conducting me with profuse apologies to a more stable looking seat.

A delightful attic odor made me inquisitive. I traced its source to a home-made book-case built into the wall near the fireplace, which was filled with books brown with age and minus their side covers. "Oliver Optic's Museum," "Sweet and Twenty," "Familiar Quotations," "War With Spain," "From the Log Cabin to the White House," "Story of the Wild West," "Wolf Run of the Forest Glen," and, in one corner, four huge Bibles, comforting yet accusing. There was also a volume of "Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant," books that have been sold by hustling Yankee agents to nearly every household in New England.

A little cup-board over the fireplace contained more books. One of these I asked to see, it was so curiously long.

"My grandfather's account book," explained my hostess, indicating the object. "He was a carpenter."

A Tale That Is Told

Visions of taverns, long pipes, oxen and high stage coaches were brought to mind by the entries in this old book.

1809:

To one day's work	1.00
To makeing a coffin for Mrs. Tucker	4.00
One quarter of lamb, 8 lb. at 7c lb.	.56
To mending spinning wheel	.30
To makeing coffin for your wife	3.75
To a small bedstead (a new arrival?) (These were numerous)	.75
To one card table	4.00
For two barrels cider	2.00
To makeing a coffin, stained, and a glass (which he found)	3.65
To makeing a coffin for his child	.84
To one pair of shoes	.75
To makeing beetle	.25
For one cow	15.00
To one oxen yoake	.65

(This item today would cost $20 or thereabouts)

Among the many treasures of the house were a calico stamp of a carved pattern made on a block of wood; a marble solitaire game board; an old hymnbook published in 1771 in place of whose treble clef was the old-fashioned "gs" signature, and rare pewter on the sideboard in the dining-room.

A gilded ball-frame mirror with a lead-and-oil painting on the upper part of the glass hung on one wall, and beside it, a burnt-wood sketch of a wild horse with flying mane. Nearby were framed samplers of wood in all colors; some had the alphabet, some were mottoes "Help One Another," "What Is Home Without a Mother," and some had worked on them the Christian names of the family.

A sleek black cat strayed in, looked at me sleepily, and retired at my hostess's feet. A black curly-haired cocker spaniel followed, looking more like a rag carpet than a dog. His mistress called him Toby.

The modest little couch, on which were patchwork pillows, and the two chairs and rocker were evidently members of one family; each article was dressed in black satin. Beside one chair on the floor was a stereopticon, the popular Sunday afternoon game of the late 80's. On the piano stood a kerosene lamp on a square doily worked in colored string. Under the piano was a small old-fashioned bass viol made in 1811.

As we talked, my hostess's enthusiasm gradually rose to a level with mine, and she flew from one object to another, as eager to exhibit as I was to receive. She put into my hands a pair of straight last square-toed Newport ties that were made before the Civil War. They were lined with a cerise goat leather, and their heels had been sewed on by hand. The next minute she arrived with an old leather fire-bucket that had the surname painted on one side, and on the other, a gaudy picture of a house afire and brave men extinguishing the flames. The latter sketch gave me a vivid idea as to the daring of her "men folks," who had all been members of the Volunteer Fire Department.

I looked around the room for but one more thing to complete the picture; the family album. It was handed me by my hostess. "That's my great-uncle," one daguerreotype of a stern-looking man with fierce mustache elicited the information; "he was a Forty-niner." She paused and sighed, then said, "He never came back."

Pine Trees Beckon

I was totally void of an answering sympathy; my attention had been transported to the little square Cape Cod windows with their almost human blinds! Into them, like inquisitive children, peeped scarlet runners. Travelling further on, my eye catching a distant view of cone-laden treetops that seemed to climb an endless hill, terrace fashion, made me eager to become better acquainted with the exterior of the place.

A long ell connecting the house with the barn was cluttered to the window-tops with miscellany of no actual use. There was an old-fashioned high bicycle, a complicated-looking lawn mower, a carriage sled with a bell tied to a string (for baby's amusement), and a hundred other such treasures of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

I then learned that one of my hostess's uncles was Asa Sheldon, the contractor, who levelled off Pemberton Hill in Boston.

"Asa wrote an autobiography; I'll fetch it for you."

With forgivable pride she handed me "The Life of a Wilmington Farmer."

"Take it along with you, and return it when you've finished!" Then she cut short my efforts at expressing appreciation, by intimating that for her to have shown me these family heirlooms was like "tendin bazaar."

"Asa's homestead's still standin' 'bout four miles from here; so's the blacksmith shop he moved from Boston!"

Given directions how to get there, I started off, but found I had nearly an hour's wait before transportation would arrive. So I strolled into a meadow and chose a seat on a little mound near a wild barberry bush, and then opened "Asa."

A Cow in Exchange for Schooling

The frontispiece of the book was the picture of its author—a metallic face with a square-cut white beard. The book was divided not into chapters but links.

I dipped into it.

Asa was bound as an apprentice to a Daniel Parker, apparently a gentleman of the old near-brutal school, who drove his bound boys as he did his cattle. My eye singled out a page pertaining to the value of money and exchangeable commodities in 1799.

"My father needing a cow, he agreed with Mr. Parker to take one for $22, and I was to work for him another year, or till the next May, to pay for her, and I was to have winter schooling."

I skipped to page thirty-one. "I once sold a load of wood to a man for a shilling more than Mr. Parker expected, and on reaching home, he gave me the shilling, the greatest present he had ever made me. My spending money had before been confined to six and a quarter cents per year."

Plain Food but Plenty

Such a monetary arrangement seemed commensurate with the nature of the meals enjoyed by Asa at the time. He wrote: "In summer season, brown bread and milk was the constant food for the whole family, morning and night. No butter was used except a little on Sunday. The winter rations were beef-broth, with brown bread crumbled in, and for a change, bean porridge. Everything cooked went through the tea-kettle, at that time, no matter how wealthy the family."

A few pages further, he tells us: "My clothes in summer were—straw hat, tow shirt and tow trousers. I had no shoes until the ground began to freeze . . . winter habiliments were—striped blue and white woolen trousers, fulled cloth vest and jacket. I was never allowed an overcoat while I lived there, or a pair of boots. I was allowed but one pair of shoes for two years. Parker used to tell me, when going to get my foot measured to put on two pairs of stockings and tell the shoemaker to be sure and make them large enough to last two years."

An Ox as a Safety Bank

I chuckled over this as I did over Asa's ingenuous way of insuring the safety of his money while passing through the woods. He put the money in the ox's ear, and no robber ever molested him.

The cruel severity of old-fashioned New England winters is well illustrated by an episode which Asa relates: "A stage driver, seated on his box, was frozen stiff, with the reins for four horses clenched with a death grasp. The horses turned up to their accustomed hotel, when the driver retained his seat, much to the astonishment of the passengers, who were fastened in. The fact was soon developed, that the driver was frozen to death."

No less arresting is the incident on the post road, when Sheldon, on a stage journey from New York to Philadelphia, stepped down out of the coach as the hostler changed horses. "I walked on ahead and met a man that surely deserves notice. He had driven an ox-team, loaded with tea, from Boston to Philadelphia. While reaching the latter place, peace was declared between the belligerent powers (this occurred in 1812), and his load was not worth as much as when he started. Soon he received orders to take the load back. I inquired how far he travelled in a day. He said, 'I don't know, but I can tell you so that you can give a pretty near guess. I have put my oxen at that tavern yonder, for two nights and have not got there yet.' I judged from what he told, he advanced about 2 miles per day."

But the "Toonerville Trolley" was heard laboring up a distant hill, and I jumped up, scrambling to take my stand at the pole with the white band round it.

A Prophet Without Honor

Asa Sheldon's homestead looked disappointingly new and well-kept with its recent ells, its lightning-rod and weather-vane. But the lovely giant elms guarding the place were old enough to have afforded Asa's ancestors protection from the sun. Pears, ripe on the trees, bore their limbs down so low they caressed the ground.

Just two minutes' walk further on, at a place now called "Perry's Corner," on the Lowell road, stood the blacksmith shop that had been moved behind oxen from Pemberton Hill in 1835. The present owner was a rotund figure of seventy-eight, who looked fifty. He was a relative of Asy's. Probably for that reason I found him more or less reticent on the subject. He did say, however, that "Asy tried to sell my father a copy of his biography, but father said to him: 'I don't want none of your writin', Asy. I know all there's to know 'bout ye!' "

The blacksmith himself was a little boy when Sheldon was an old rheumatic figure, and the only thing he remembers is having often seen Asy ride by in a chaise driven by an old plug called Fremont, which was as worn as the owner. When Asy prepared to mount he would put his foot against the horse, hold the reins taut, and sing out: "Brace, Fremont!" then he would climb up via the horse, who would hold himself obediently stiff until his master was seated.

I reluctantly left that ugly, unpainted and ramshackle blacksmith shop, with its time-honored posters, advertising "Tuttle's Horse Elixir" and "Magic Healer: the Horse's Friend," for the blacksmith had a horse to shoe, and plainly, there were to be no more reminiscences. But I wanted to dip further into Asy's biography. So I set my watch back two hours and sought another out-door reading room in the fields.

Moving Pemberton Hill

The book opened to the page whereon was described the contracting job that had so excited Asa, namely, the moving of eight acres (fourteen feet deep), of Pemberton Hill into salt water, north of Causeway street.

"After probing the hill in several places," relates Asa, "and walking over the ground as fast as an ox team would walk, to ascertain how many times they could go in a day, the result of my investigation was that the job could be done for 25 cents per yard."

He describes the hill laboriously, and then proceeds: "Six dwelling houses and other outbuildings, beside immense shrubbery, together with several English elms that were carried to the navy-yard, were sold from the ground. One gingo tree, an exotic, and I expect the only tree of the kind in this country, I was offered $300 to move and warrant to live one year. I thought at that time, that it contained about two feet of cordwood, and it being in the month of June, I dared not undertake it. However, it was moved and now stands on the Common, near the State House, and is thriving.

"The dwelling-places had been the residences of distinguished gentlemen—Gardiner Green (one of the wealthiest citizens of Boston at that time), Dr. Lloyd (Hon. James Lloyd, the elder, was a distinguished physician), and Governor Phillips (who espoused the Revolutionary cause, for whom the Phillips-Andover Academy in Andover, Mass., was named, and whose nephew, John Phillips, was the first mayor of Boston). There were two other beautiful brick buildings on Somerset street sold and torn down, whose owners I never knew. (These were probably residences of Dr. John Cotton, whose house was considered the oldest in Boston, having embraced all the central portion of what is now Pemberton square, and of Governor Endicott, whose residence was on the brow of the hill.)

"I will now note a few things by me deemed curiosities. When at the Phillips place we found an iron door in the cellar that led to an arch about twelve feet wide on the base, fifty feet long and nine feet high. This arch was made of brick, sixteen inches in thickness, so firmly cemented that much labor was required to prepare it for loading into our carts....Of the original design of this subterranean arch I leave my readers to judge for themselves, as I do for myself. It occurs to my mind that rich men do not always comply with the letter of the law, especially when they have a convenient place in which to secrete smuggled goods.

"From the cellar of one of the brick houses an iron door opened into a sepulchre or tomb, from which, I think, fifteen coffins, large and small, were taken the night before we had leave to occupy it.... On the outside, on the tomb were beautiful cultivated flowers."

In addition to his experiences with smuggled goods and coffins, Asa writes thrillingly of an encounter with a crew of pirates, who were captured and brought into port at Boston.

"They were subsequently tried, and Bernardo De Soto and four others were condemned and sentenced to suffer the penalty of the law due to their crimes, viz; to hang by their necks till they were dead. They were hanged on a gallows erected on my land, by the United States marshal. I had built three barns temporarily for the use of my oxen. There were fifty in one barn, twenty-five in a row. The teamsters were set to guard them, and two men were stationed on the top to keep spectators off, each with a pitchfork, and with directions, if they failed, to have the cattle turned out.

"That night application was made to me for a team to carry the pirates' lifeless bodies to the Catholic burying-ground, Charlestown and with them an Irishman killed on the railroad. I accordingly sent one man with a yoke of oxen, and six men for guard. The oxen, passive before, expressed fear as soon as the bodies were put in, and could not be restrained from running, only by two men going before them with clubs. Whether they were frightened by something natural or supernatural, is beyond my conjecture. Perhaps, like Balaam's ass, they saw that which human eyes could not discover.

Pirates Came High

"The next day I made out a bill like this,—"United States Marshal, Dr., To A. G. Sheldon: To use of land to hang five pirates, and damages sustained thereby . . . (there had been fracas which ended in the destruction of property) . . . $75."

This is perhaps an example of "shaving a Yankee,"—a phrase Asa uses extravagantly throughout his book.

Sheldon had inventive as well as moralizing tendencies. Read and marvel how chronic indigestion led to the invention of wagon springs.

Comfort Causes Contempt

"When I first peddled meat, springs on market-wagon seats were unknown, and under wagons, too. The wagon body set on the axle-trees, as wood wagons set in these days, and the box in the front end was the seat for the driver. My health declined, and, strange to say, I could not eat without difficulty. At length the trouble increased so much that I could not eat at all while in a sitting posture, and was obliged to take my meals standing.

"Speaking one day with Dr. Nathan Richardson, that eminently skillful physician, he said it was produced wholly by the continuous jar of riding, as my route lay through country towns, sometimes to the extent of forty-five miles per day over very rocky roads. I then planned some springs, very much like those now called grasshopper springs; these, though rude and simple, had a salutary effect, and health was soon regained. One butcher used a cushion on his hard seat: this was the first one I had ever seen used. It was very much sneered at by Salem butchers, for in that day comfort did not enter into the reckoning."

The last pages of the biography are instructive. Asa's skill takes a new direction; from a recountal of personal experiences, he becomes a practical guide. Through all the homely arts practised by the farmer of the early nineteenth century, he bestows upon his readers "Hints to stone layers," "Advice on milch cows," "Signs of a good working ox" (Asa mistrusted an ox whose toes turned out, and whose knee bent in), "Information as to raising bulls, salting beef, raising heifer calves, feeding stock, training steers and colts, dairy work, sheep, hogs, hens, cure for horn ail, care of swale land, reclaiming swamp land, raising corn, potatoes and grass, raising roots, forest trees, and cranberries . . ."

In the west, the setting sun struggled for supremacy with a threatening, dank-looking cloud, so I rose with a sigh of content and another of discomfort for I had been sitting for nearly an hour in one position. And as I made my way to a pole with a white band, I murmured to a little mongrel: "If living his full entitles a man to write a biography, I should say Asy was fully justified in writing his!"

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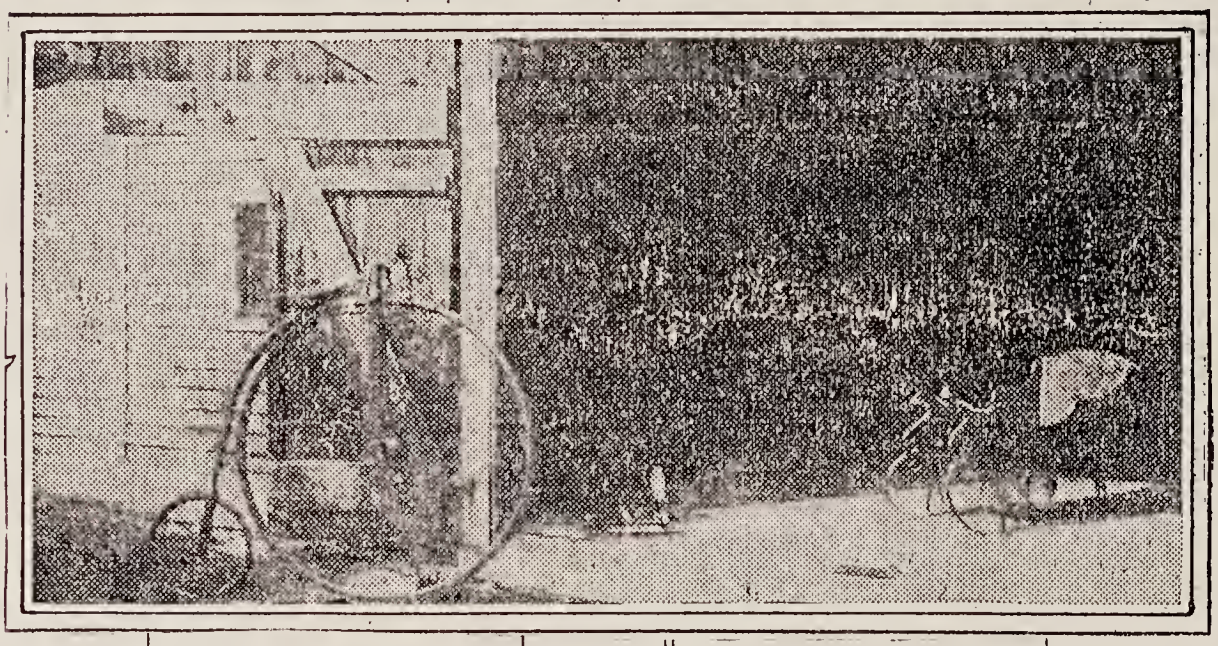

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ALMOST A CENTENARIAN.

Long Life of Sabra Gowen Jaquith of Wilmington.

A Bright Old Lady Who Remembers the Death of Washington and the Opening of the Middlesex Canal—Her Father Fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

A century lacking a few months is spanned by the life of Sabra Gowen Jaquith of Wilmington. This remarkable example New England's longevity was born in Wilmington, April 8, 1793, and has resided there all her life. In fact, Mrs. Jaquith has never left her native town for more than a week at a time.

Wilmington people refer to the old lady with a respect that in some instances approaches awe. They say there is not a kinder heart in the community, and her great age, too, excels that of any other person in the county for miles around.

A HERALD reporter found Mrs. Jaquith at the home of her son, Joshua Otis Jaquith, on the Andover road. She was seated in a straightback chair before a cheerful fire that was burning in an open grate. Her face, which the finger of time has marked with its withering touch, was framed by a black cap, relieved with fluffy lace.

Bright as a dollar and witty withal, without the slightest qualm of voice, she invited her caller to be seated, adding that the story of her life was hardly worth while printing.

"Your paper," she said, "the other day, published an article about a lady in Pelham, N. H., who is a year older than I am. She was worth writing about, but I am afraid HERALD readers will find what I say very uninteresting.

"I was born in the eastern part of Wilmington. The days of my girlhood seem but yesterday, yet when I reflect on the varied events that have occurred in the world since I have been permitted to live, the duration of my life, to me, seems to cover a long time.

"My father was John Gowen, and my mother's name was Keziah Jaques. I was born in the house now owned by Mrs. Charles Swain. Father was a farmer, and grandfather also followed that occupation.

"I remember perfectly well when Washington died, and what a shock it was to the country when it received

The News of the Great Man's Death.

"We were seated at the dinner table when a neighbor rushed into the house and told us about it. Father pushed his chair back, and cried so that he couldn't eat any more that day. When the funeral services were held in Boston that winter, father hitched up a horse and went over the road to the city. He was deeply impressed with the solemn event, for he had known Washington and admired him for his virtues.

"Father fought at the battle of Bunker Hill. He was a captain, and had two ensigns under him.

"I remember how mother used to burn rags for tinder, and, with an old file and flint, kindle the fire. She made candles out of grease, and for wicks twisted yarn.

"I was early sent to church, for my parents were God-fearing and simple in their ways. When church time came, father put a saddle on the old horse, helped mother to mount, and then placed me behind her, and we rode two miles to the church.

"I learned the tailor's trade, and was considered quite smart and tasteful in my work. The methods applied to garment making in my girlhood were crude. There were no sewing machines, of course, and some stitching. The cloth, too, was spun and made, and I made a good deal of it.

"In 1818 I fell in love with Joshua Jaquith, and on March 10, 1823, we were married and went to live on the farm that husband's father owned. Husband was a genius. He loved to go gunning, and was a born mechanic. When farm work did not press, he made cart bodies and tinkered with carpenters' tools.

"About 1800, ground was broken for the Middlesex canal, which was constructed between Lowell and Boston for freight and passenger purposes. When the surveyors were looking the ground over, Wilmington people said the scheme couldn't pay, but the canal was built, and father worked for a long time in the company's employ."

The Boston End of the Canal

was in Haymarket square. Where the depot now stands, docks were located. Vessels landed their cargoes at the wharves, and the goods intended for Lowell and the north were loaded into the canal boats, and mules dragged the boats at a dog trot.

"It was a big day for Wilmington when the first packet reached the town. People put on their Sabbath gowns, and came from the country for miles about to see the great show. When the Boston packet came, I stood in the schoolhouse door and shouted at the top of my voice.

"Politics will interest HERALD readers more than what I have to tell, for all these happenings of which I speak are set down in the almanacs. If you haven't an almanac, you can buy one at the stores."

Mrs. Jaquith discontinued the narrative in order to replenish the wood fire, and the act brought up a flood of recollections.

"We used to build a wood fire on the hearth in the fall," she said, "and it never went out till warm weather. We had good oak wood, and didn't require coal."

In a corner of the room stood a quaint little tall-backed chair. Mrs. Jaquith called the attention of the writer to it, and said it was more than 100 years old, and had been used by the children of the family for four generations. The rockers had been worn almost flat, yet not a joint or slat betrayed the slightest system of ill-usuage. The paint, even, was as perfect as when first applied, though the pigment had faded through so many years of exposure.

A "grandfather's clock" that must have cost a round sum of money when it was purchased stood in a corner. The solemn timepiece had ticked out the time for 125 years, and

It's Mechanism Is Still Reliable.

The curious dial is covered with allegorical scenes and a moon and stars, more in response to the old-time maker's ideas.

Mrs. Jaquith, despite her advanced years, can read fine print readily. Years ago she wore glasses continually, but now she does not require their aid. She points with pride to the fact that she never wore false teeth, and exhibited good ones that were supplied by nature. Though a little deaf, she readily understands conversation when carried on in an ordinary tone. She stands as straight as a sapling, and goes about the premises freely. Her time for retiring is about 9:30, and she has no difficulty in dressing herself.

Some years ago Mrs. Jaquith was ill with congestion of the lungs, but of late she has enjoyed almost perfect health, and the indications are that she will round out a century of life.

So steady are her nerves that she can carry a glass filled with water and not spill a drop of it.

The Wilmington Jaquiths are long lived, and the brothers and sisters of the old lady were noted for the many years they lived. Eunice, a sister, married Ebenezer Nichols of Reading, and died at 90. Fanny was the wife of Jonathan Buck of Wilmington, and was 96 when she passed away. Mary never married, and lived 93 years. Of the brothers, John lived to 84, and George and Sylvester died somewhat younger.

Mrs. Jaquith has been a member of the Wilmington Congregational Church for 8[illegible] years.

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YOUNG JOURNALIST.

Aldis Gould Eames, Special War Correspondent to the Boston Journal, Now in China, Writes to that Paper—Is a Wilmington Boy.

[From the Chelsea Telegraph and Pioneer.]

Aldis Gould Eames, the Boston Journal's special war correspondent, now in China with the 9th Massachusetts (Col. Liscom's) Regiment, whose picture we are enabled to present by courtesy of that paper, was born in Chelsea in October, 1872. He is the son of Othniel Eames, who was for many years one of the earlier conductors on the Lynn and Boston street railway, who was long remembered for his polite and helpful ways toward his passengers, always ready to proffer assistance to women and children, and with a cheery word and helping hand for all.

In 1875 Mr. Eames removed to Wilmington, Mass., where he still resides, and where the son attended school until he went to Amherst Agricultural College from which he graduated to enter Cornell University.

Aldis' bent was for journalism, upon which he entered after a brief period of teaching, and mercantile life in New York, taking up his first newspaper work on the Chicago Record. Later he became one of the staff of the Boston Journal, then its night editor, and finally was sent out by that paper to the Philippines with the 46th Regiment, as war correspondent. He is now detailed as the Journal's special correspondent with the American troops in China, being the only representative there of any New England paper. He was present at the battle of Tien-Tsin in which the 9th Regiment lost heavily.

Mr. Eames' style of expression is clear and simple with easy grasp of the situation, reading like some thrilling romance of medieval times, but whose reality is pressed home upon us by our knowledge of the fatal and horrible casualties so rapidly occurring and multiplying.

In his letter of July 6, from Taku to the Boston Journal he writes: "To-night is a fine moonlight one, with cool invigorating weather. Indeed it would pass for a September night in the northern States at home. It has put new life into the troops from the Philippines, and everybody on board is in high spirits. From our anchorage we can see westward what seems to be a great city full of lights, only it has no regularity, and there is no suggestion of streets. Red lights, green, bright yellow, they stretch away to the distant horizon. They are the lights of the fleet, the warships of nine Nations. Altogether it is a great flotilla, and it is as if myriads of luminous tropical insects had alighted on a great plain that has no limit. This naval outpost looks like a great glow-worm looming through the dark."

Of the fighting methods of the Chinese he says: "They believe that by constant cultivation they can render their bodies invulnerable. Strong in this belief they are hot to try conclusions, and will rush in to fight with knives, swords, clubs, stones, and almost with their bare hands. The way in which the troops of different countries engage them is characteristic; the Russians volley them at from 500 to 1000 yards; the English and the American marines engage them hand to hand on the principle that the quicker the Chinese get a taste of the bayonet the more easily will they be kept at a distance where they can be disposed of by shooting."

Mr. Eames is of Salem parentage, a direct descendant of the famous John Proctor who fearlessly suffered death at the hands of the misguided judges in the witchcraft trials of 1692; who with manacled hands while in prison wrote his appeal for justice; whose homestead and property were destroyed, and his family left destitute by his untimely death.

Besides representing the Boston Journal, Mr. Eames is also special correspondent for the Brooklyn Eagle, Philadelphia Inquirer, Indianapolis News and St. Louis Globe Democrat.

VILLAGE CHARACTERS.

Queer Geniuses Found in New England Towns.

In the cemetery at Woburn the eye of the observer is caught by a monument with the simple inscription, "Sabra Carter, Seedswoman." If his curiosity is piqued to know something more of the person described so uniquely, by going to a little village ix miles away he may find out much that is interesting about a character as original as is the inscription on her gravestone.

Passing up a long shady street and going over a little bridge which spans a musical brook, he will find a comfortable-looking, old-fashioned yellow house, shaded by a graceful elm. In the yard he may notice lilac bushes, flowers of all kinds and house leeks, but these latter will not attract his attention as they would have done in Miss Sabra's time, for then the yard was decorated by the words, "Temperance and Frugality," inscribed in these house leeks. And peculiarly appropriate was this motto; for I doubt if there is a house in the country in which these qualities are practised more faithfully than they were in Miss Sabra's household.

Here for forty years, living in this pleasant house, interesting herself in the birds and flowers about her Miss Sabra quietly and faithfully carried on her business as seedswoman, and exercised her favorite virtues.

Many stories are told of her frugality. Once when she had bought a half pound of meat of the butcher, when an unexpected fisherman appeared later in the day, tempted by her preference for fish, yet unwilling to have more food on hand than necessity demanded, she tried to persuade the somewhat loth fisherman to exchange her half-pound of meat for fish.

When improvements were needed about her place she would get a small boy to do the work, and much to his discomfiture would pay him in seeds.

She never could bear to throw anything away, and when her seeds of several years back accumulated, too conscientious to try to sell them, she would do up little packages of them, and take them to the village school, explaining to the children as she doled them out, that though they might not come up, it would do no harm to plant them and see.

She once invited a neighbor to dinner, and then after her guest's arrival decided that she could not afford such hospitality, and frankly told her visitor so, and bade her farewell before the dinner hour.

Such frugality was from nature, not necessity. For, by the sale of her seeds and by property left her she had an income which rendered her rich according to country village standards.

But it was not in her economics only that she was original. In her generosities also she was unique. A short time before her death she offered to give the town $5000, in accordance with certain provisions which she made. One of these was that the town authorities should paint the houses of everyone in the village in which no intoxicating liquor or tobacco was used and where no dog had ever been kept. Miss Sabra was an enemy to the whole canine race. Another of the provisions of her gift was that seats should be placed along the village walks, so that tired wayfarers might rest. Doubtless this frail women, in her long rambles for flowers or herbs, had often longed for such rest by the way, and was planning for the aching backs of future generations.

But the town, feeling that the various provisions which Miss Sabra exacted might become irksome, decided not to accept her gift. Hence her determination not to give the town the satisfaction of receiving the gift of her lifeless body and her resolve to be buried in Woburn.

In Miss Sabra's nature there was a strange mingling of the great and small. Though the principles of frugality and economy were deeply ingrained into her nature, yet in many ways her interests were broad and liberal. Everything in nature appealed to her—the stones, the birds, the flowers—and rich and unusual was the fund of information which she had on these subjects. The foreign languages interested her, too, and in her library were Latin and French books, in which languages she was an eager student.

Although she stinted herself in many ways, she was never niggardly in the money spent for travel. She had a longing to see many of the sights of which she read, and whenever she had an unusual successful year in the seed business she would take a trip to some picturesque or interesting part of the country and come home with many pictures for her lonely hours.

It must have been a somewhat incongruous sight, among the gay, giddy crowds of Saratoga or Newport, to see this quaint old lady in a lavender gown, bringing among the crowds of idle pleasure seekers an unusual element of eager interest and appreciation for the beauties of nature. Indeed, it was this love of travel that hastened her death. An attractive offer of an excursion of three months in France, Germany and Switzerland, at a comparatively small expense, appealed both to Miss Sabra's economical spirit and to her life-long desire to see some of the beauties of the Old World, which her vivid imagination had often pictured. So staid Miss Sabra with the gay pleasure party and the advertised chaperone started for Europe. Travelling constantly, skipping from one part of the continent to another, Miss Sabra allowed herself no rest, determined to make the most of this opportunity of a life-time. She must see everything, and so she kept mind and body hard at work for the whole of three months.

But this mad rush was too much for the frail woman, accustomed to keeping the even tenor of her way in a little New England village. Worn out, she came home to die. But in the long, painful illness which followed, Miss Sabra's ever-active brain was busy making plans for the good of the community. She would leave her money to found a home for poor girls in her own town. These girls should live in her house, and have all her furniture; her clothes should be made over for them. Happy in these plans, she had little thought for herself. Although she suffered much pain, she was never heard to utter a complaint. She would say, "It is the will of the Lord. I cannot complain." And so with the same quiet dignity and serenity which had characterized her life, she passed on.

After her bequest was made known, some of her relatives tried to break the will, alleging that she was insane, but after a trial in which many of Miss Sabra's idiosyncracis were brought to light, it was decided that although she was a very original character, she was not insane.

But the administrators of the estate decided that it was impracticable to keep her furniture and household belongings until the income from her property should have accumulated enough to warrant starting the Home for Girls and found it best to sell them by public auction.

A few weeks ago I went to Miss Sabra's auction. The May sun was shining brightly in the yard, brilliant with daffodils and violets, and into the windows of the house, where there were strewn around Miss Sabra's belongings, all quaint and unique like herself—old crockery, treasured for many generations; beautifully braided rugs, with which her ever-busy hands had filled the house; artistically woven bead bags; carefully constructed wax flowers. There, too, at a little distance, were her books—ancient editions of Virgil, a beautifully bound copy of Addison's works, French books, Greek grammars, besides many treasured volumes about birds and flowers, all showing the spirit of culture which had pervaded the little home.

In another room were some of her clothes, dainty in fabric and color and seeming to bring back in a forcible way the personality of gentle Miss Sabra.

It had been her desire that her wardrobe should go to the poor girls for whom the Home was to be founded. But as one looked over the dresses, one could not but realize the incongruity of a modern buxom shop girl, arrayed in one of slender Miss Sabra's dainty lavender gowns, or carrying one of her old-time purple parasols.

The impracticability of the arrangement had evidently suggested itself to those who had the matter in charge, for it had been decided to sell all her clothes at private sale. As the townswomen came in and looked over the wrappers and gowns, there was a curious mingling of sentiment and business-like shrewdness as they spoke of "poor Sabra" and at the same time drove a good bargain for her dainty gowns.

As I went down in the yard and saw the auctioneer holding up one of the rugs on which Miss Sabra had spent many weary hours; as I looked at the crowd of eager bidders, many of whom had come from neighboring towns, partly out of curiosity, partly in the hope of securing for a song treasures of old-fashioned china or furniture, I was struck with the pathos of it all. And yet I felt that if Miss Sabra were there in spirit, although she might feel a momentary grief at seeing her treasured belongings held up for idle curiosity or speculation, yet, after all, her spirit of thrift and enterprise would rejoice in the satisfactory financial returns of the sale.

In a somewhat pensive frame of mind, following a woody road and a wayside brook, I strolled towards the north part of the town. At length I came to the remains of a structure, which in its palmy days had done a flourishing business—the old mill. But now the wheels were idle, and in place of the busy hum and whirr, there was a strange, almost oppressive air of quiet broken only by the murmur of the mill stream and its occasional swish against the sides of the mill or by the breeze in the tall white birches which lined the side of the stream, and were reflected in the water. Over all there was the air of mild decay. The mill was dropping away board by board, and each ripple of the water did something towards completing the destruction. Yet the old mill, with its picturesque surroundings, more beautiful in its decline than it had ever been in its prime, was meeting its end with dignity and grace, receiving aid from nature where the ravage of time destroyed man's work; for many places where the boards had been torn away were covered by flowers springing up or by a drooping willow tree.

As I was sitting on the bank, lured by the monotonous ripple into a mildly meditative frame of mind, and musing on the transitory nature of all human contrivances, a large black hawk alighted on the topmost peak of the mill and uttered a long, quavering cry. To me he seemed like the spirit of the past, giving forth a melancholy protest against the ravages of time and a grim prophecy for the future.

As I walked on farther up the stream, I found a boy sitting on the bank, with pole in hand, patiently watching the somewhat uncertain motion of a cork, tossed about in the water.

When I questioned him about the old mill I found that the miller was still living in an old-fashioned home not far from the mill. I learned that in his youthful days he had also served in the capacity of singing master in the little village.

"He's so old now, the boy went on, "that he does n't sing very much, but he can play, fine, all kinds of things--a piano, a violin and an organ. That about all he ever know, I guess; I hear him playing about every time I go by there."

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Several days later, having found a friend of the old miller, who told me that he was always glad to have people come to see him, I ventured to make him a call.

As we approached the house we saw him out in the field, surveying the meadows, a tall, gaunt figure, with long white hair and dreamy eyes with something of a youthful gleam in them. He looked at us in a vague, uncertain way, seeming hardly conscious of our presence, until my companion remarked that we had thought he would be willing to play for us. Then a gleam of interest shot from his eyes. Without a word he beckoned us to follow him into the house. Then he seated himself at the organ and played with great expression a soft old air. But he was not satisfied.

"I can n't play as I could once, he murmured, half to himself,—I don't hear the high notes at all now."

Walking to the other side of the room, he seated himself at a piano and began playing a quick, lively air. From that he went to another. Then a slow dirge.

When he paused, after speaking of the music, I ventured a remark about the picturesqueness of the mill. He looked at me with the same clouded, troubled look as that with which he had first met my glance. He had not a word to say. But when I spoke of music again, his tongue was loosed. In a dreamy way, as if talking to himself, he talked about the music which he had played, some of which he had composed himself.

Then he took up a violin and began playing "In Bygone Days." After the first few strains he commenced singing in a voice, though cracked with age, yet of very sweet quality.

As I looked at this old man of eighty, with his long white hair and his strangely perplexed eyes, and listened to the strains of "In Bygone Days," sitting in the twilight, he seemed to me like a spirit of a former age bringing back something of the quaint beauty and melody of the past, while lingering in a present the complexities of which he did not understand.

But it was growing dusk. Disliking to leave while he was still playing, I lingered waiting for him to stop—but in vain. From organ to piano and from piano to violin he would go, seemingly oblivious of any presence save that of the muse.

When I hinted to my companion of my dislike to show seeming discourtesy, he said, "Oh, there 's no use waiting for him to get through. He sometimes goes on playing this way for hours, he won't pay any attention to our going."

So, taking advantage of his change from the piano to violin, I expressed my pleasure at having heard him and my regret at going. Save for one of his troubled, perplexed looks, he made no reply, but went on playing on his violin.

After we were out of doors we still heard him, and as we passed the old mill I could distinguish, coming faintly from the distance the strains of "In Bygone Days" from his violin.

As I looked at the ruins of the old mill, in its picturesque beauty, becoming more a thing of the past every day, I thought how in keeping with it was the old miller, leaving this world of activity and gracefully wandering into the next, to the music of his old violin.

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ALMOST A WHITE ELEPHANT.

Miss Sabra Carter's Peculiar Gift to Wilmington.

Miss Sabra Carter has lived in Wilmington more than 70 years, and she loves the town dearly. Her mother gave the land known as the Common, and Miss Sabra generously donated the handsome town clock.

Last March Miss Carter offered the town of Wilmington a remarkable gift, and the triumvirate that swings the destiny of the community almost wish she hadn't.

Miss Carter proposed to give the town 50 shares of financial stock, paying about 10 per cent. interest, she to have the interest on the stock while she lives, and after her decease the interest to be expended in a somewhat unique manner.

The income of 10 shares purchased of the Lombard Investment Company, for which she paid $1030, is to be used for "the painting of houses in Wilmington for those who shall apply for it (one or two each year) who do not keep a dog and have not kept one for two years, and who have been members of a temperance society for the same period of time, and are not in the personal use of tobacco."

If these restrictions are too severe, and there are no applications for a coat of paint gratis, the income may be used, one-half for ornamenting the common, and the other to beautify the cemetery.

The income of 20 shares in the Denver Electric Lighting Company, which were bought for $2178, to be devoted to two purposes. Half the income to go toward the purchase for the Public Library of scientific books, works on travel, etc., and be credited by a memorial. The remainder of this income to be devoted to lectures on similar subjects. These lectures must be given on Wednesday afternoons when the traveling is in good condition and school children can conveniently attend. If there is sufficient accommodations people from neighboring towns may be invited.

Miss Carter makes several provisions with 20 shares in the Howard State Bank of Kansas, which shares, she says, may be worth about $2200. One-fourth of the income of these shares she sets apart for renovating marbles in the cemetery. An eighth to be used in keeping the family lot in good order. A fourth is to be expended in planting trees by the wayside, and the remaining fourth for furnishing settees, to be placed by the highways where travellers may rest.

At the last March meeting the town considered the gift, and finally voted to accept it, though the small amount of money involved hardly warranted such extensive deliberations.

Miss Carter then told the selectmen that she would like to know early in April whether her gifts were accepted, for the old lady was shrewd enough to understand that the vote of the town at its annual meeting was not at all conclusive. The selectmen hung fire in the matter of signing papers which would place the town in the position of holding funds in trust.

Miss Carter made a will more than 20 years ago, and fearing that the gifts might be set aside by litigation preferred to make the existing arrangement.

Henry Blanchard, chairman of the board, was seen at his place of business in Boston by a HERALD reporter relative to the reasons which actuated the board in not signing the papers.

Mr. Blanchard said that Miss Carter is a peculiar woman, and when she was preparing to spend the winter away from Wilmington, she was anxious to have her gift formally accepted by the selectmen. Two weeks ago she drew up a formidable document and requested us to sign it. This document, among other things, related the provisions as set forth before the town meeting. It is a binding instrument which would make the town custodian of her funds, while the town in return gets almost nothing for the trouble.

Messrs. J. Howard Eames, Justin L. Parker and myself will not put our names to the paper, and the chances are that Miss Carter will never get the signatures of the present board.

Some folks say Miss Carter will withdraw the remarkable gifts.

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WORKINGMAN DIES, LEAVES A FORTUNE

Patrick Kellett of Wilmington had Unique Career

Patrick Kellett, for many years a resident of Wilmington, died yesterday forenoon at the home of Raymond White, in Woburn street, where he has boarded recently. Although he was employed for years as a laborer in the tannery at North Wilmington now owned by C. S. Harriman and Company, he was accounted a rich man and it is estimated that his estate will total somewhere in the neighborhood of $20.000.

He lived a very frugal life and never allowed even sickness to keep him long from work. When the tannery has been closed in past years he has secured work in the fields, at ice-cutting, or in some other line of industry. Periodically he made trips to Boston and other cities, on which he was supposed by his associates to be securing the the interest on his numerous bank deposits and having that also placed at interest. It was commonly supposed, from remarks that he had let drop among his associates, that he derived an income of about $15 a week from his bank accounts.

He was born in Ireland and his exact age is not known, but he is known to have been more than seventy years of age. He is reported to have a sister living in England and has a nephew Thomas Kellett, in Lynn. A brother of his left this part of the country some years ago and his whereabouts are not known.

Mr. Kellett was attended during his last illness, which consisted of a complication of diseases, by Dr. Halligan of Reading. The funeral will be held tomorrow at the Catholic church in Wilmington, and the interment will be at Andover. Undertaker Lynch of Woburn has charge of the arrange-

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'HELP WANTED! BIG REWARD!' SAYS FAMILY IN COUNTRY— NO RESPONSE

Try Hard to Solve the Housemaid Problem

"Help wanted!"

How do you get it?

Housewives will welcome the solution, for the problem has bothered them for ages.

Now come Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Pershing with a new idea.

The Pershings live in North Wilmington, 17 miles out of Boston, and are making strenuous efforts to secure help.

Now, the Pershings have four children. Also the fare from North Wilmington to Boston is 35 cents. It may seem like a far cry between these two statements of fact, but in the household help question the two are very closely related. It is not extremely difficult to find a maid who does not object to four children in the family. Again, it is nowhere near impossible to find a maid willing to work in the country, far from the usual haunts of her kind. But to find a combination of the two! That is a job for a regular finder.

So Mr. Pershing advertised as follows in the Boston papers:

$300 REWARD FOR
COMPETENT
GENERAL HOUSEWORKER

At country home in North Wilmington; really efficient girl or woman wanted by family of six; good disposition with children essential; this opportunity is only for one able to furnish good references; the right party will receive the usual wages paid to experienced help; in addition the advertiser will make an investment in co-operative bank stock that at the end of five years will be worth $300. At the end of this period this stock will be turned over to any maid who has rendered good service during the period.

The first results were not satisfactory.

"I'm convinced," said Mr. Pershing, "that the idea of giving the maid something to look forward to and work for is the right one. And I think we've found out where our mistake was. My wife is a young woman and the maid we hired was middle aged; it is pretty hard for a young woman to discipline an older one. Now we're looking for a young girl; we will train her to the right way of housekeeping and give her a tangible something to work for. This is the new advertisement I have inserted in the papers:

$100 REWARD
FOR INEXPERIENCED
GIRL TO LEARN
GENERAL HOUSEWORK

At country home in North Wilmington; bright girl, 16 to 20 years of age, wanted by Protestant family of six, to assist with various duties about the house; must be neat, clean and willing to learn; good disposition with children essential; this opportunity is only for one able to furnish good references; the right party will receive the usual wages paid to inexperienced girl to start and at the end of two years will be presented with $100 cash for faithful service. Address "S 42," the Post.

The Pershings are living in hopes that they will be more fortunate in securing an inexperienced girl than they were in the matter of the experienced maid.

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PICKED BY WILMINGTON SELECTMEN

And Nothing "Scantier" Will Get By

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Town Fathers Qualify as Experts When Put to the Test in Modesty Crisis.

THIS, ladies and gentlemen, is the official bathing suit of Silver Lake.

The Wilmington Selectmen have ordained that the costume portrayed above shall represent the minimum of clothing for female bathers.

For men, an ordinary two-piece suit is ordered. "And that doesn't mean a scarf around your neck and a pair of socks," added Selectman Arthur Eames sternly.

The Wilmington Selectmen have thus promulgated their bathing suit standards as the result of frolics on the wood shore of the lake—frolics that took place any time from 3 a. m. to daylight, and that lasted, sometimes, all day.

If you're curious about these frolics, go to Wilmington, look inquiringly at a Selectman, and turn your ear toward him. He'll whisper into it. Let what he says remain a whisper, for all of us.

"Decently clothed," was the first order issued by the Selectmen. "What does 'decently clothed' mean?" wondered the Editor. So he sent a reporter, with an assortment of pictures representing bathing suits of different styles. The Selectmen were to pick the one they considered most suitable.

Be it said to their credit, they picked the prettiest of the lot—and here it is.

Herbert C. Barrows, Edward Nelson Eames and Arthur Eames are the three Selectmen. It isn't often an in-shore town has to cope with the bathing suit problem. We could understand it at Revere, for instance. But down in Revere they're too busy with tax investigations to watch the bathers.

Bathers at Silver Lake—camping parties from Somerville and Woburn and other towns and cities near—took their dips in garbs that forced the Selectmen to act. These bathers used to wear—but there, that was going to remain a whisper.

Chief Walter Hill, of the police force, has detailed Albert Butters and William Baxter to enforce the Selectmen's ruling. Each officer will carry this picture, and use it as a test on any freak suits he sees. If the suit doesn't meet the test—action, quick!

If you go bathing in Silver Lake, be sure and compare this picture with your costume first. That's the way to be safe.

THIS BATHING GIRL'S O. K.

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GOVERNOR FOSS MAKES WILMINGTON A VISIT

Member of Official Auto Party Recognized as He

Governor Eugene N. Foss was a visitor to Wilmington this week, having stopped in the East district, near Carter's crossing, while some of the regular army officers who are following the war game explained to him the lay of the land.

The governor was on his way to the vicinity of Middleton on Tuesday, the day that General Pew broke camp at Lynnfield and marched to that point. Mrs. Thomas Buckle, who lives in the house in Woburn street formerly the home of George Carter, came out of doors and saw an automobile standing on the opposite side of the road, containing several men, some of them in uniform. It was the touring car which has been dashing up and down the roads since the maneuvering began and was distinguished by the blue flag which it flew and by a megaphone. One of the officers was pointing in various directions and seemed to be explaining something to a large man in civilian dress on the front seat of the car. This man Mrs. Buckle was certain, from his strong resemblance to the published pictures of Governor Foss, was he. The car stopped but a few minutes and then sped northward.

Lowellians Complained of—The Schoolmaster Abroad.

A written complaint has been received by a high city official against Lowell parties for disturbance of the peace; the complaint being signed by the constable of a town not a thousand miles from Lowell. It is as follows:

We have had some truble here 2 Sundays ruuing, the parties came from Lowell in A large coverded Wagon today with 6 horses the name on the wagon is Hanson I thin G. W. Hancher or G. D. Hanson the party was all young men last Sunday there was 2 teams 1 2horse team 1 4horse team they go through here in the night to the beach I think disterbing the peace stealing frurte and we would like to have you Faver us by tring to stop it if possible

I Found a hat tonight I think belongs to one of Hansons parten.

WILMINGTON YOUTHS FOLLOW THE ARMIES

Witness Scenes of Battle, Reconnaissance and Capture

"Chasing the soldiers" is a favorite diversion with young men in Wilmington. Jimmie Gallagher, M.A.C. '12, who at is home for his last long college vacation, has been in the field for the past two days, renewing acquaintance with his old comrades, the Stoneham company of the 6th infantry, and "covering" the maneuvres for THE EVENING NEWS. The story of the Stoneham boys' spectacular fight at West Boxford with the Red cavalry, which appeared in last night's NEWS, was one of his "beats."

Hubert Eames, Elliot Bloomfield, Roy Nichols and Joe McMahon started out on their bicycles Wednesday to follow the manoeuvres, and, if possible, to witness the fighting. They arrived at the state hospital grounds at Tewkesbury just after the Blue army had broken camp, and followed the line of march through Ballardville, Frye Village and Andover, to North Andover, where the Blues pitched their camp at Wilson's corner, near the Thorndale farm They saw the Blue reconnoissance in force starting off down the "Boston road" which leads from Wilson's corner to Middleton.. Then they wheeled down through Andover centre, where they arrived just in time to see the Red cavalry, which also was out reconnoitring, gobble up the Blue fire brigade, making prisoners of the whole bunch. The fire brigade had stayed behind to extinguish the camp fires after the army moved and was hiking through Andover to join the command when it was surrounded by Red horsemen. As the fire brigade was unarmed, save its officer, who only carried a revolver, it had to surrender.

They also saw a Red scout, who was trying to get through unobserved on a Lawrence-bound car, dragged off by Blue patrols After that every car was stopped and the passengers scrutinized.

The bicyclists returned through North Reading, down the turnpike, encountering Blue and Red scouts at intervals. Occasionally one side would question them about the other, but they gave no information.

At North Reading they were joined by George Hoyt, who had started out just behind them, intending to be one of the party, but who had kept just behind them all the way, covering the same itinerary. When they got home the cyclometers showed that they had cover fifty-two miles.

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EXCITING ARREST AT WILMINGTON

CHIEF SWAIN FIRES AT FUGITIVE BURGLARY SUSPECT

SILVER LAKE CAMPERS PRISONERS

An exciting arrest occurred at Perry's corner in Wilmington during the small hours this morning, in which Chief William E. Swain of Wilmington fired his revolver at a young man who fled from him in the darkness, but whom he later rounded up with three others with the assistance of Selectman H. C. Barrows, who lives close to Perry's corner in the old Perry homestead. The men are accused of breaking into the grocery store of James Ward Murray.

Chief Swain was rung up about 2 o'clock this morning on the telephone and a woman who lives not far from Perry's corner reported that she had heard the sound of breaking glass and feared that someone was trying to break into Murray's store.

Swain hurried to the scene and on the way got word to selectman H. C Barrows, who is also a special officer. Arriving at Perry's corner, Swain saw four men, three on the steps of the Murray store, and one standing in the road. He immediately called upon the man in the road who afterward gave his name as Thomas F. Maguire of Roxbury to throw up his hands. Maguire ignored the command of the officer and took to his heels. Swain pursued him and when Maguire again refused to surrender the chief fired his revolver but failed to get his man. Maguire was able to elude Swain temporarily and in the meantime the three men who were on the steps had also made their sscape.

At this stage Barrows made his appearance and a determined chase of the fugitives was begun by the two officers. Maguire was overtaken about one-eighth of a mile from the scene of the break and was taken prisoner. The officers say that Maguire told them that he and his associates were camping at Silver Lake and under his direction they proceeded at once to the camp where two others were captured. These men gave their names as John White and Thomas F. Maney, aged 18 also of Roxbury.

The arrests were made at abou 3 o'clock and at that time Carey could not be located. The men taken were locked up and at 7 o'clock the two police officers returned to the camp and arrested John J. Carey, 18, also of Roxbury

Chief Swain says that Carey while being taken to the station admitted that he and his fellow campers were guilty of the break. This morning all four denied all knowledge of the occurrence. They were arraigned before Judge Johnson and pleaded "not guilty" to a charge of breaking and entering with intent.

Chief Swain was not ready for the trial and upon his request a continuance to Tuesday, July 11 was granted.

Bail was fixed at $300.00 in each case.

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THE BROOMSTICK TRAIN;

Or, The Return of the Witches.

The *Traveller*, in order to satisfy the wishes of many of its readers, reproduces again from the Atlantic Monthly the following poem by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes:

Look out! Look out, boys! Clear the track!
The witches are here! They've all come back!
They hanged them high, but they wouldn't lie still,
For cats and witches are hard to kill;
They buried them deep, but they wouldn' die,—
Books say they did, but they lie! they lie!

—A couple of hundred years, or so,
They had knocked about in the world below
When an Essex Deacon dropped in to call,
And a homesick feeling seized them all;
For he came from a place they know full well,
And many a tale he had to tell.
They longed to visit the haunts of men,
To see the old dwellings they knew again,
And ride on their broomsticks all around
Their wide domain of unhallowed ground.
In Essex County there's many a roof
Well-known to him of the cloven hoof;
The small square windows are full in view
Which the midnight hags went sailing through,
On their well-trained broomsticks mounted high
Seen like shadows against the sky;
Crossing the track of owls and bats,
Hugging before them their coal-black cats,

Well did they know, those gray old wives,
The sights we see in our daily drives;
Shimmer of lake and shine of sea,
Brown's bare hill with its lonely tree,
(It wasn't then as we see it now,
With one scant scalplock to shade its brow;)
Dusky nooks in the Essex woods,
Dark, dim, Dante-like solitudes,
Where the treetoad watches the sinuous snake
Glide through his forests of fern and brake;
Ipswich river: its old stone bridge;
Far off Andover's Indian Ridge,
And many a scene where history tells
Some shadow of bygone terror dwells,—
Of "Norman's Woe" with its tale of dread,
Of the Screeching Woman of Marblehead,
(The fearful story that turns men pale:
Don't bid me tell it,—my speech would fail.)

For that "couple of hundred years, or so,"
There had been no peace in the world below;
The witches still grumbling, "It isn't fair;
Come, give us a taste of the upper air!
We've had enough of your sulphur springs,
And the evil odor that round them clings;
We long for a drink that is cool and nice,—
Great buckets of water with Wenham ice;
We've served you well on earth, you know;
You're a good old—fellow—come, let us go!"

I don't feel sure of his being good,
But he happened to be in a pleasant mood,—
As fiends with their skins full sometimes are,—
(He'd been drinking with "roughs" at a Boston bar.)
So what does he do but up and shout
To a graybeard turnkey, "Let 'em out!"

To mind his orders was all he knew;
The gates swung open and out they flew.
"Where are our broomsticks?" the beldams cried.
"Here are your broomsticks," an imp replied.
"They've been in—the place you know—so long
They smell of brimstone uncommon strong;
But they've gained by being left alone,—
Just look, and you'll see how tall they've grown."
"And where is my cat?" a vixen squalled.
"Yes, where are our cats?" the witches bawled,
And began to call them all by name;
As fast as they called the cats they came;
There was bob-tailed Tommy and long-tailed Tim,
And wall-eyed Jacky and green-eyed Jim,
And splay-foot Benny and slim-legged Beau,
And Skinny and Squally, and Jerry and Joe;
And many another that came at call;—
It would take too long to count them all.
All black,—one could hardly tell which was which,
But every cat knew his own old witch;
And she knew hers as hers knew her,—
Ah, didn't they curl their tails and purr!
No sooner the withered hags were free
Than out they swarmed for a midnight spree;
I couldn't tell all they did in rhymes,
But the Essex people had dreadful times.
The Swampscott fishermen still relate
How a strange sea monster stole their bait:
How their nets were tangled in loops and knots,
And they found dead crabs in their lobster pots.
Poor Danvers grieved for her blasted crops,
And Wilmington mourned over mildewed hops,
A blight played havoc with Beverly beans.
It was all the work of those hateful queans!
A dreadful panic began at "Pride's,"
Where the witches stopped in their midnight rides,
And there arose strange rumors and vague alarms
'Mid the peaceful dwellers at Beverly Farms.
Now when the Boss of the beldams found
That without his leave they were ramping round,
He called—they could hear him 20 miles,
From Chelsea beach to the Misery Isles;
The deafest old granny knew his tone
Without the trick of the telephone.
"Come here, you witches! Come here!" says he,
"At your games of old, without asking me!
I'll give you a little job to do
That will keep you stirring, you godless crew!"
They came, of course, at their master's call,
The witches, the broomsticks, the cats and all;
He led the hags to a railway train
The horses were trying to drag in vain.
"Now, then," says he, "you've had your fun
And here are the cars you've got to run.
The driver may just unhitch his team,
We don't want horses, we don't want steam;
You may keep your old black cats to hug,
But the loaded train you have got to lug."
Since then, on many a car you'll see
A broomstick plain as plain can be;
On every stick there's a witch astride,—
The string you see to her leg is tied.
She will do a mischief if she can,
But the string is held by a careful man,
And whenever the evil-minded witch
Would cut some caper he gives a twitch.
As for the hag, you can't see her,
But hark! you can hear her black cat's purr,
And now and then, as a train goes by,
You may catch a gleam from her wicked eye.

Often you've looked on a rushing train,
But just what moved it was not so plain.
It couldn't be those wires above,
For they could neither pull nor shove;
Where was the motor that made it go
You couldn't guess, *but now you know.*

Remember my rhymes when you ride again
On the rattling rail by the broomstick train!

There is Wilmington-and Wilmington.

Two very bewildered Chinese engineerng students from Cornell University are beginning to realize that these United States are very, very, large indeed. They arrived in Wilmington yesterday afternoon looking for the hydro-electric development of the New England Power Company.

They inquired at the Police Station, they inquired at the Post Office. No one knew where a Reservoir was within the confines of the town. After many minutes of fruitless inquiring they came to the conclusion that the natives of the town were terribly stupid for the map said plainly that the "waterfall" was in Wilmington. Finally one local light took up the task of querying the boys and discovered that they were indeed in the right town - but the wrong state. They wanted Wilmington, Vermont. They finally left with profuse thanks to their informant, firmly convinced that America is a very funny place.

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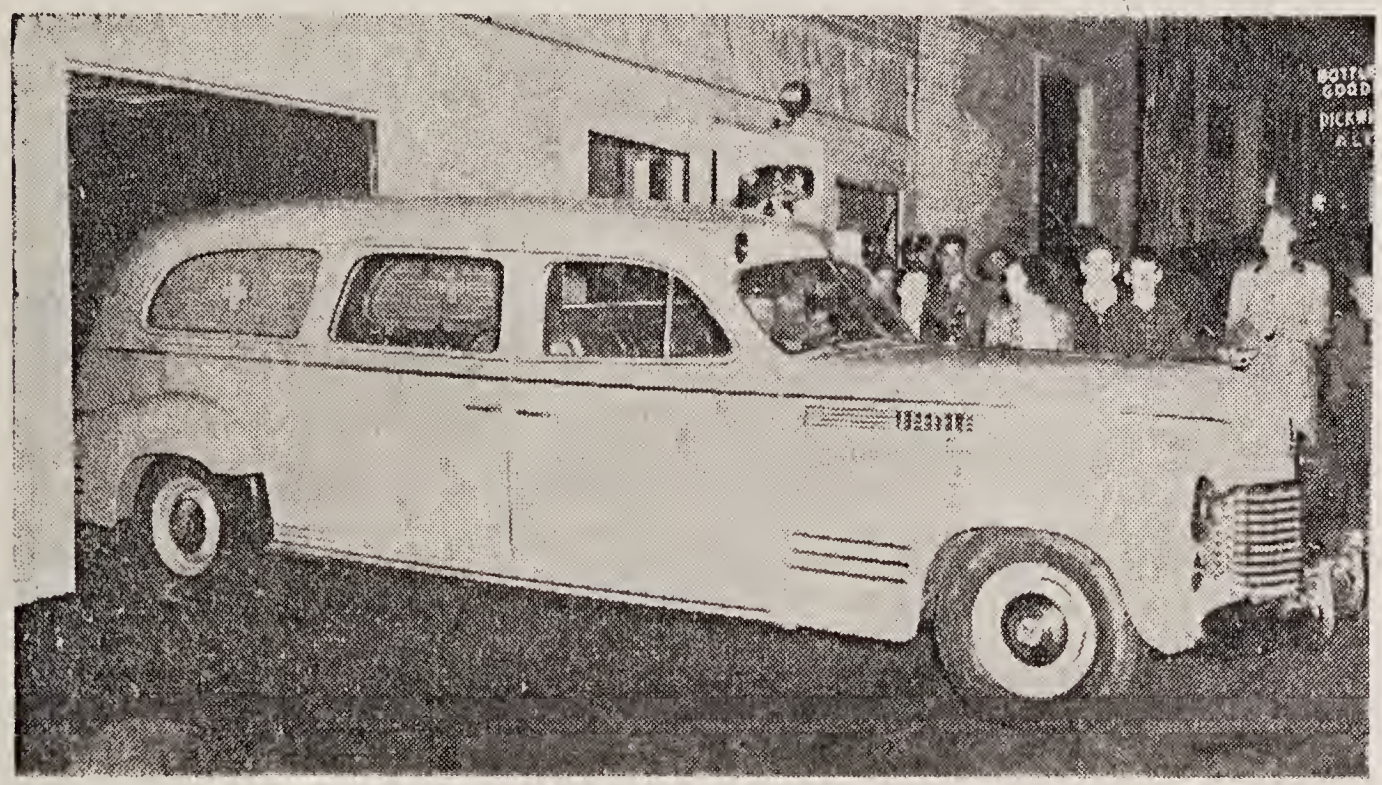

NEW WILMINGTON AMBULANCE

The new ambulance of the Town of Wilmington is shown in this photo. It was on exhibition last evening in the garage in the new police headquarters. Chief Harry Ainsworth is seated in the driver's seat.

Wilmington

New Ambulance Is Accepted By Selectmen

Wilmington correspondent: Mrs. Susan T. Esler. Tel. Wilm. 477.

The new town ambulance arrived last night over the road from Bellefontaine, O., and was delivered to the town hall, where it was accepted at a meeting of the board of selectmen. The machine is gray, with gray wheels. It is built on a Cadillac chassis and has a Miller Tu-Level body. It will be turned over to the police tomorrow.

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GEO. A. ROBINSON, REPRESENTATIVE.

THE CHRONICLE has a surprise for its readers in the appended article, which was obtained through the courtesy of Town Clerk James E. Kelley, but as we have no competition we can hardly call it a scoop. The following letter was received by Mr. Kelley on Thursday afternoon from the L. & B. R. R.

LYNN, MASS., SEPT. 4, 1900.

In Board of Directors voted—That the order passed by the board of Selectmen of the Town of Wilmington under the date of August 6, 1900, granting this company a location for a single track from the dividing line between the Town of Tewksbury and the Town of Wilmington, on and through Main street in said Wilmington to the dividing line between the Town of Wilmington and the City of Woburn, together with all the conditions therein contained be and hereby is accepted and the clerk is hereby instructed to file a copy of this vote of acceptance with the Town Clerk. CHARLES WILLIAMS, Clerk.

A true copy attest,

CHARLES WILLIAMS, Clerk.

FRANCHISE.

Town of Wilmington: In board of Selectmen. The Lynn and Boston railroad company, having filed with this board a petition praying for location of the tracks of said company in said Town of Wilmington, and due and lawful notice having been given to all parties interested by publication in the Wakefield Daily Item, a newspaper published in the county of Middlesex, and the matter of said petition having been heard pursuant to said notice of the 17th day of May, 1900, it is considered and ordered that locations for the tracks of the Lynn & Boston railroad company be and hereby are granted to the said company as follows, and upon the conditions hereinafter recited that is to say: Said company may lay and construct single track from the dividing line between the Town of Tewksbury and the Town of Wilmington, on and through Main street in said Wilmington to the dividing line between the Town of Wilmington and the City of Woburn. And said company may construct and lay, subject to the approval and acceptance of the board of Selectmen, such curves, spurs and turnouts for their tracks at such points along the location above mentioned as are necessary for the convenient operation of said railroad. The tracks upon the above granted location shall be placed upon either side or in the centre of said street, as the Selectmen may direct, and wheresoever said street or any bridge, culvert or drain is so narrow that the location of said tracks would reduce the present width of the travelled portion of said street, the same shall be widened and built out by said company at its own expense and to the acceptance of the Selectmen. That portion of the highway between the rails and also for a distance of eighteen inches outside of the rails, also the space between the track and the roadway or carriage path, shall be substantially filled with good gravel and made safe for public travel by said company at its own expense and to the acceptance of the Selectmen. That the tracks of said railroad shall be laid at every point at the level of the existing grade of the travelled part of said highway on and over which it is laid, and that said company shall fill up that part of said highway embraced in this location to said level at its own expense and in case at any time the grade of said highway is altered or changed by the proper authority, said track shall be made to conform at every point with such new grade, and only such proportion of said rails shall be and remain above such grade as may be necessary for the passage of the car trucks thereon. That, wherever in the judgment of the Selectmen, the tracks of said railroad company shall cross from one side to the other of said Main street, or be located in the centre of said street, the space occupied by said tracks in the travelled part of the street shall be paved between the rails, and also for a distance of eighteen inches outside of the rails, with square granite paving blocks, by said company at its own expense and to the acceptance of the Selectmen.

The said company shall use electricity to propel its cars and said company may erect such poles and appurtenances as may be necessary to the convenient operation of the same, but all poles shall be located and placed so as not to obstruct any private entrance or driveway, and shall be subject to the acceptance of the board of Selectmen. The poles necessary may be either square or round, but shall be reasonably straight, dressed smooth and at all times kept decently painted.

The wires shall be suspended not less than eighteen feet from the track and shall be properly guarded.

That where the tracks of the Lawrence Branch of the southern division of the B. & M. R. R. cross said Main street the said Lynn & Boston railroad company shall petition the board of railroad commissioners for and shall employ all means possible to obtain permission to cross said Boston & Maine tracks at grade. Failing to obtain said permission said Lynn & Boston company must first present a plan of the proposed method of crossing said tracks to the Selectmen and obtain their approval and consent to the same in writing before any labor, except that necessary in making a survey, shall be done on any part of said Main street

That the rails used may be T or any other pattern, and shall be securely fastened to timbers embedded in the ground.

That said company shall not cut or mutilate any shade trees on said street without permission of the Selectmen in writing.

That said company, whenever it removes snow or ice from its tracks, shall immediately spread it evenly upon the surface of the highway and leave said highway safe and convenient for public travel, and satisfactory to the Supt. of Streets of said Wilmington.

That said company shall guard and protect all its material excavations and work during the time of construction to prevent accidents, and shall hold and save the town harmless and indemnified from all loss, costs, damage and expense it may suffer or incur from any cause arising or growing out of its, the said company's acts or omissions, as well during the time of construction as during the future operation, a maintenance of said railway.

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That the said company shall reimburse said town for any and all expenses incurred by reason of any time or labor charged for by its Selectmen during the period covered by the construction of said tracks over the location hereby granted. That wherever said tracks shall be laid in front of any dwelling house, store or other building, said Railroad Co. shall construct suitable driveways and crosswalks over its tracks the same to be approved by the Selectmen.

That said street shall not be closed during the construction of said railroad, nor be so obstructed or incumbered as to interfere with the public travel unnecessarily.

That said company shall give to the inhabitants of said town of Wilmington a bond satisfactory to the board of Selectmen in the sum of two thousand five hundred ($2,500) dollars guaranteeing that the tracks of said company shall be laid and the whole of said location occupied and in actual use for the purposes of said railroad with cars running regularly on or before July 1, 1901, failing to comply with the conditions in regard to construction and operation, said location shall be void and said company shall have no right to use or occupy the same or any part thereof.

That said Lynn & Boston railroad Co. shall run its cars often enough to reasonably accommodate the public; the first car to Woburn and Reading over the lines located in said town of Wilmington, to leave the junction of said lines at Church and Main streets at or about 7 a. m., Sundays excepted. But nothing herein contained shall invalidate the franchise by reason of any unavoidable delays.

That the fare for a continuous ride from any part of Wilmington to the centre of the city of Woburn, or near the common in said city, and from said point to any part of Wilmington, shall be five cents, and that transfer tickets shall be issued at the junction of said company's lines in Wilmington without extra charge.

That the granting of this location shall not effect so as to impair the reasonable accomodation of the public over the line at present in operation in said Town of Wilmington.

That said company at its own expense shall repair and keep in good condition the track, turnouts, etc., hereby located to the acceptance of the Selectmen.

That said company shall file within thirty days of the date hereof in the office of the town clerk a written acceptance of the location with an agreement therein to comply with the requirements hereof, and shall also at the same time forward to the chairman of the Selectmen the bond herein refered to.

Neither the provisions herein contained, nor any part thereof, are intended to be or are to be held to be a waiver, modification, or surrender of any statute rights of said Town of Wilmington or its Selectmen, and wherever the words said Selectmen or Supt. of Streets are herein used they are intended to mean and are to be held to mean the Selectmen and Supt. of Streets for the time being of said Wilmington.

Witness our hands this 6th day of August, in the year A. D. 1900.

JAMES E. KELLEY,
CHARLES J. SARGENT,
EDWARD A. CARTER,
Selectmen of Wilmington.

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EASTERN MASS. SUBSTITUTING BUSSES ON PRACTICALLY ALL LINES

Inaugurate 20 Minute Service From Reading To Boston. Increased Earnings During First Six Months This Year Reflects Increased Use Of Busses.

WILL ELIMINATE EXHAUST ODORS

Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway to Install New Device On Busses Shortly to Remove Obnoxious Gases — Changes Being Made to Keep Fumes out of Machines.

Efforts are now being made by the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Co., to eliminate disagreeable odors emanating from bus exhausts and within a comparatively short time this will be definitely accomplished. Dr. John J. McNamara, acting director of health, made this statement last evening following an investigation of the situation started several weeks ago on instructions from the Board of Health. The board ordered the investigation after receiving complaints relative to the gases from the larger busses.

Dr. McNamara said last evening when questioned as to what resulted from his investigation, that he had made an inspection of the buses immediately after the Board of Health had received complaints. At that time, he said, there was a decided odor from the engine and exhaust, but the gases were not dangerous to public health. He pointed out that carbon monoxide the dangerous gas which comes from such a scource, has no odor.

The constant stopping and starting of the busses causes gasoline and oil to pass through the motors without decomposition. On its striking the hot walls of the exhaust system, combustion is started and the odorous gases pass off. The vacnum caused as the large bus moves along, pulls the gases in behind the bus and when it stops, they float in through the open windows.

Similar troubles have encountered with buses in other cities and exhaustive experiments have been made in Boston and Philadelphia. In the latter city, a device has been perfected which entirely eliminates these gases. It is not yet in process of production but as soon as it is available, the Lowell buses will be thus equipped.

In the meantime, the bus engineers of the company are making certain changes which will keep the gases from entering the buses. It will not eliminate the gases entirely, however. Dr. McNamara said that the engineers, when he visited the bus garage for the second time, explained that while an exhaust pipe carried to the top of the bus would be obnoxious to motorists driving cars in the rear of the bus. The new device, they said, would entirely eliminate the odor, thus benefiting not only the passengers in the bus but benefiting other motorists in the streets.

Last Sunday saw the elimination of practically the last of all the Street Cars on the Eastern Massachusetts system. All lines were substituted with busses excepting the Stoneham to Sullivan square line and the Melrose to Saugus line via Howard Street.

Twenty minute service has been started between Reading and Boston. The busses leave Reading at 20 minutes past the hour and will go by the way of the Lakeside, and every twenty minutes will find a busss on its way to Boston. The regular schedule passing through Wilmington will continue but the increased service from Reading to Boston, will undoubtedly eliminate waiting for changes at the various terminals.

Numerous changes have been made along the lines of the Eastern Mass. in running time. New 27 passenger busses have been substituted in many cases and prove easier riding than the heavier deluxe type running through this town.

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GAS TRAIN APPEARS ON WILMINGTON LINE

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A train propelled by a gasoline engine has made its appearance on the Woburn Wilmington loop of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and during the past week, many people have wondered about the two railroad coaches travelling on the road without the usual "iron horse." The gasoline engine occupies a cab in the front end of the lead coach, and it makes the train appear as if there was no engine, but merely two coaches, except for the headlight on front.

The gas train arrives in Wilmington at 7.37 p. m. on its trip north, and makes a return trip to Boston, at 8.40. The train has two coaches, a part of the lead coach being partitioned to accomodate the mechanism. The crew of the contraption is only two men, an engineer who operates the gas engine, and a conductor, who collects tickets and mans the passenger coaches.

BOARD OF TRADE AGAIN SCORES HIT

Once again the local Board of Trade has proven that it is a progressive organization, by obtaining a five cent fare from West street to Wilmington Centre.

The following letter received by the secretary speaks for itself, so it is printed in full.

September 21, 1938

Mr. Francis J. Correia, Secretary,
Wilmington Board of Trade,
Wilmington, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 20, the Trustees have granted the request of the Wilmington Board of Trade for a five-cent fare from West Street to Wilmington Square and this will be put into effect the first of the month.

The checks that were taken did not indicate any particular possibility of increased business, but due to the fact that the other five-cent fare zone in Wilmington is doing fairly well, the Trustees have consented to try this out until further notice.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter,

Yours very truly,
Vice President and General Mgr.

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In the last week's issue the writer stated that he would give a detailed report of the changes to be made at the approach to R. R. bridge near turnout.

The petition of the Boston & Lowell R. R. Co. to the County Commissioners was dated Dec. 27, 1866. It prayed for authority to raise Burlington avenue bridge to allow higher rolling stock to be run underneath said bridge and to allow a more convenient use of said R. R.

The decree under that petition was dated Feb. 2, 1887, and authorized the raising of the bridge but provided that the bridge and abutments should be carried about twenty-four feet westerly of their present location. The decree did not authorize the bridge to be raised in the location it then occupied and now occupies.

The lease of the B. & L. R. R. Co. to the B. & M. R. R. was dated June 22, 1887. The B. & M. R. R. raised the old wooden bridge to some extent soon after it took possession under said lease and then did a little grading to the approaches. Thereafter nothing was done for about nine years. The iron bridge was erected at about the end of the year 1896, and was carried to a height as great as was mentioned in said decree, but neither the bridge nor the abutments were carried twenty-four feet to the westward as required by the decree.

The first petition of the Selectmen to the County Commissioners praying for relief on account of the nuisance created by the unlawful acts of the railroad was dated Sept. 6, 1897. On account of an error in the form of the decree under that petition the decree was declared invalid by the Supreme Judicial Court. The town made no delay. Immediately after the decision of that case, to wit: on Oct. 24, 1899, a petition was filed before the County Commissioners under which the present proceedings are being had. That petition alleged that in raising said bridge said B. & M. R. R. claimed to act under and by virtue of the decree of 1887, but did not do all the things prescribed in the decree. At the trial of the present case the town introduced the evidence of two witnesses which was not contradicted that the raising of the bridge subsequently to the date of the decree of 1887 was done for the sole benefit of the railroad. The town also introduced the evidence of two witnesses that the town was not in any way benefitted by the raising of the bridge. The counsel for the railroad made admission in the following words to Chester W. Clark, Esq., counsel for the town: "You need not ask any more questions along that line because we concede that the raising of the bridge did not benefit the town under the decree of 1887."

Such is the proceedings found in petitioners brief, the petitioners being the Selectmen of Wilmington.

Now we come to the second decree, Nov. 27, 1897, under which the work will be done. After defining the lines the approaches are taken up as follows: Westerly—The westerly approach shall be graded to the full width of the location as above established as far as the westerly line of the location of the railroad. From the location line of the railroad to the bridge the approach shall converge to meet the bridge as herein ordered. There shall be constructed a sidewalk six feet in width on said westerly approach on the northerly side thereof as far as the grading herein ordered extends. The grade of the said westerly approach shall not exceed six feet per 100 feet. Guard rails shall be erected on both sides of the roadway. The posts of said guard rail shall be straight sound chestnut or cedar not less than six inches in diameter, spaced eight feet apart on centers, the bottom sawed off square and set plumb in straight lines not less than three feet into the ground and three and one half feet above the ground. and the back filling thoroughly tamped. All bark shall be removed before setting and all knots hewn down to face. Th top rails shall be four inches squa spruce planed. The side rail shall b 2 in. by 6 in. straight grained spruce planed free from loose or unsound knot and both top and side rails shall be notched into and securely fastened to the posts and be long enough to extend over three posts and break joints. All parts of exposed surface of the fence shall be painted with two coats of the best lead and linseed oil paints, of such color as the Selectmen may direct. The present bridge and abutments shall be widened so that a sidewalk six feet in width in the clear may be constructed and used on the northerly side of the present bridge. The grade of the easterly approach shall at no place exceed six feet per 100 feet on either Main street, Church street or Burlington avenue. The grade on the center line of Burlington avenue produced, crossing Main street and meeting Church street shall not exceed four feet per 100 feet from the intersection of said center line with a line parallel with the westery line of Main street and eight feet easterly therefrom to the intersection of said center line with the easterly line of Main street. Main street, northerly of its junction with Burlington avenue shall be graded to its full width with sidewalks as far as the grading herein ordered extends. The sidewalk on the turn leading to the bridge shall be with its outer edge upon the location line of Burlington avenue, as above defined until distant twenty feet from the sidewalk upon the bridge and then converge to meet the sidewalk on the bridge. The sidewalks on Main street shall be eight feet in width.

Maine street, southerly of its junction with Burlington avenue, shall be graded forty-two (42) feet in width with a sidewalk on the easterly side thereof. At the turn to meet the bridge the edge of the roadway shall be eight feet from the location line as above established until within twenty-five feet of the bridge, and it shall then meet the edge of the roadway upon the bridge. The grade on the turns from Main street to the bridge shall nowhere exceed six feet per 100 feet. Church street, from its junction with Main street, shall be graded to its full width with sidewalks on each side whose combined width shall be equal to one third the width of said Church street. The grade shall not exceed six feet per 100 feet.

The slopes on any embankment rendered necessary by the changes of grade herein ordered shall nowhere exceed in steepness the rate of two to to one, that is to say, two horizontal to one vertical or retaining walls built to sustain said banks. Guard rails shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places of the quality specified for the westerly approach on abutments or retaining walls. Iron rods of suitable strength may be used instead of wooden posts. The roadway and sidewalks shall be covered with screened gravel of proper quality, eight inches in thickness on roadway and four inches on sidewalks, properly crowned and compacted with a grooved or sectional roller so as to make a hard, smooth and permanent surface.

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The description of the above work is intended to conform to plan and profiles made by F. H. Kendall, engineer, filed in the office of the Commissioners. Church street was laid out 60 feet in width, so under the decree we will have sidewalks 10 feet in width on that street. The town will have to extend them for quite a distance or pedestrians will land in a ditch on both sides. The expense of the work is apportioned as follows: B. & M. R. R. 55 per cent; county twenty-five per cent; town twenty per cent.

It is understood that the railroad is to commence the work on or about the fourth of September.

The changes required will raise the grade about as follows:

Church street,—between Hudson's store and the barn opposite, seven (7) feet; front of blacksmith shop at turnout, four and one-half (4 1-2) to five (5) feet; front of carriage shop, two (2) feet; front of small dwelling house, nine (9) inches.

Main street—end of Hudson's grain room, five (5) feet; westerly corner of Hudson's store, three and one half (3 1-2) feet; front of post office, one and one-half (1 1-2) feet; front of house westerly from post office, six inches; front of Ames' barn, five (5) feet; front of Mrs Ames' house, three and one-half (3 1-2) feet.

The Ames' barn, so called, blacksmith shop, carriage shop and small house referred to are owned by S. R. McIntosh. The store occupied by C. E. Hudson is owned by Mrs. J. N. Ames.

Outside steps and door knobs can be purchased cheap at time of commencement of the work.

The writer wishes to return thanks to James E. Kelley, chairman of the board of Selectmen, and Chester W. Clark, Esq., town counsel, for their valuable assistance in procuring the official documents and all favors in connection thereof.

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THE WILMINGTON NEWS

"Death Bridge" Under Repair

The railroad bridge on Lowell Street near the Wilmington-Reading town line, known to most Wilmington residents as the "Death Bridge' is now being repaired. The work started about a week ago when the workmen began repairing the understructure. This operation did not require the traffic to be detoured, but upon the completion of that work. the bridge has been closed in order to allow the workmen to repair the planking.

Traffic passing between Wilmington and Reading toward Reading will travel over West and Willow Streets, while traffic coming toward Wilmington will come over Grove and West Streets.

It is expected that the work will be completed in about a week and one half.

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Town Votes to Light 15 Miles of Highway by Electricity—The Parade.

(Special Correspondence.)

Wilmington, April 24.—A special town meeting was held Saturday night to act upon the following articles:

1—To choose a moderator.

2—To hear the report of the electric lighting committee and act thereon.

3—To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate to light the streets with electricity the balance of this year.

4—To see if the town will vote to raise the salary of the assessors.

The Reading band was hired for the occasion and at 7.15 p. m., a procession was formed in the square at Hudson's store. The band headed the procession, then about 50 people with torches followed by S. R. McIntosh and "Jack" Comer leading a goat, then about 500 people each one carrying a lantern and red fusee. Red fire was burning up and down Main street and from the square to the town hall along the line of march. After reaching the town hall the band played several selections. While the band was playing "Has any one here seen Kelley?" Town Clerk James E. Kelley went to the desk and after obtaining silence read the warrant.

Mr. E. M. Eames was elected moderator. The report of the electric lighting committee was read by the chairman of the committee, Dr. D. T. Buzzell. It was voted that the town make a contract with the town of Reading to light 15 miles of our streets with electricity for a term of 10 years at a price not to exceed $13.50 per light per year, and that $1500 be raised for the balance of this year: Yes, about 200; no, 3. One of the "no" votes coming from a blind man.

It was voted to raise the pay of the assessors to $150 a year, there being only one dissenting vote. Voted to adjourn, after which two balloons were sent up and the procession reformed and marched to point of starting.

LIGHT SURVEYORS BEGIN IN WILMINGTON

MEASUREMENTS TAKEN TO LOCATE LIGHTS ALONG TOWN STREETS

READING COMMISSIONERS BUSY

Surveyors were taking measurements yesterday in Wilmington for the new electric light system which the town of Reading is to install for its neighbor on a rental basis. Thus are the fears being dispelled which were beginning to be felt by the people of Wilmington, that the lighting of the town, which was voted early last spring in the largest and most enthusiastic town meeting ever held in Wilmington, might fall through, or, at least, be deferred.

Yesterday the surveyors were taking measurements between the telephone poles in Woburn street, on which poles the light wires are to be strung, in the effort to determine where the street lights are to be located. Several miles of wire and many poles will be needed in Wilmington, in addition to the equipment already there.

The Reading municipal light board, which presented a proposition to Wilmington, which the citizens in special town meeting accepted, is preparing to begin operations at once, although the arrangements probably will not be completed for the switching on of the "juice" before winter. The Reading light board, of which George L. Flint is chairman, has at its disposal $20,000 which sum was voted by the Reading citizens recently for the work. The Wilmington committee, of which Dr. D. T. Buzzell is chairman, has authority to contract with Reading for not more than 200 municipal street lights, covering a prescribed route, at an expense of not more than $2,600 per annum. The town has made provision to expend of this sum $1,500 for lighting the town the remainder of the year, if the arrangements can be completed.

Reading has met with great success in its municipal light venture and is now supplying Wakefield with day current and lighting North Reading and Lynnfield centre.

In addition to the town lights many citizens of Wilmington will take current for lighting their houses and other buildings, and it is expected that there will be some day current used for power.

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About Wells and Pumps.

BY REV. ELIJAH HARMON.

An abundant and never failing supply of pure water is a great desideratum in every community. In cities and even in large villages the problem is a very serious one. In some sections mineral and vegetable acids render the water distasteful if not unwholesome.

This town is highly favored in that it is underlaid with gravelly deposits which furnish the conditions needful to pure sweet water.

In many parts of the town driven wells are quite feasible, and in all places water can be found by digging to a comparatively moderate depth. I suppose the average depth of our wells would not much exceed twenty feet. And probably the average depth throughout New England, would not be much greater. It is a very beneficent provision of Providence that water is so near at hand to meet the requirement of our need.

The Bible which is full of all which pertains to our welfare, has much to say about springs, and wells, and rivers of living water.

Of course our water supply depends upon the amount of rainfall we have. There seems to be indications that the amount of rain-fall in New England in the summer months, if not during the rest of the year, is gradually growing less. Our brooks and streams run lower than they used to. Wells are giving out which were formerly thought to be unfailing. And lands once too wet to plow are now easily plowed and tilled. The stripping of the country of timber may have something to do with it, and possibly the cultivation of vast areas in the west which were once practically desert, may have the effect to a degree of causing the clouds to empty themselves of their moisture before they reach us. As the uplands are not greatly elevated above the level of the swamps, but very few springs appear above that level. I am not aware that there is more than one house in town having running water from a spring. The old fashioned well-sweep and bucket, properly adjusted to a well of moderate depth, is hardly equalled in convenience, economy, picturesqueness and pureness of water by any modern contrivance. It is pleasant to find that this old time monument, has not altogether disappeared from our limits.

As to the comparative merits of the driven well, and the dug-out well. The former in favorable deposits is cheaper, excludes surface water, and vermin, and is not in danger from the roots of the elm.

But the driven well has its drawbacks. There is always incertitude as to its success. The point may meet with impassible obstructions. As no pump can work unless there is a pressure of air upon the surface of the water to be drawn upon, a small pipe driven down by the side of the main pipe, may be necessary in some cases, to admit air additional to that which finds its way through the various layers of the deposit.

But in a township like this, where there is no public provision for putting out fires, every house ought to be provided with a good dug-out well, out of doors, and equipped with a good pump to serve among other ends, the needs of the buildings in case of fire.

As a rule you will do well to skip the iron pumps of every kind and name. They rust badly, and wear out too early. For in door use, nothing is better than a good copper pump, with an air chamber attachment if the well is deep, or situated at a distance from the house. And for the out door well nothing has been found to surpass the good stout wooden pump of a quarter of a century ago. With the lever rightly adjusted, and its pin well oiled, it works easily, delivers water rapidly, and is very durable.

The cucumber wood pump in the Congregational parsonage well has been in use not far from twenty-five years, and bids fair to last a decade longer.

As to the elm roots in this connection. The well at the parsonage has an interesting history in this regard. About ten years ago the water began to taste and smell bad, and to have a sediment as of iron rust.

The first expedient was to pull up the iron pipe through which the water was served in the kitchen. But the case was not bettered.

The next turn was to clean out the well, and seal the cover so that no vermin could possibly get in. This also failed to reach the seat of difficulty. The next was to fit a ventilator to the well cover. This was equally fruitless. Then it was surmised that, as the pump log was old, it must be the cause of the trouble. But against this theory was the fact that the difficulty appeared only in the summer, while the pump log kept its place the year around.

At last it was concluded that a vigorous elm standing just outside the fence some thirty feet away might be the mischief-maker. So the axe was laid at the root of the tree, and down it came, and lo, a betterment at once. But whenever sprouts started from the stump, the water would begin to be demoralized again, and would be rectified only by breaking off the young shoots. This continued for three years or so, till all signs of vitality in the stump disappeared, and the water has been perfect ever since.

This trait of the elm I think is found only on light, gravelly soils. Vigorous tree that it is, it is very determined in its search for water during the summer heats. Hence when it gets the scent of water in a well, it sends its roots down the outside of the curbing of brick or stone, getting the respiration needful for their life, from the air of the well, and so reaches the level of the water. Here it sends out its sucking filaments in great abundance outside of the wall, and through the chincks into the well itself.

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WILMINGTON FEARS EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID

(Special to the Courier-Citizen.)

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, March 16.—The great influx of summer residents in Wilmington has created a serious situation in connection with the water supply, according to stories told the legislative committee on water supply today by officials representing the town. They asked the committee to favor a bill which will give the town authority to establish a municipal water system, taking the water from within its borders.

The hearing was conducted by Representative Arthur W. Colburn of Dracut, who made a brief speech for the bill, and then presented the several speakers.

Caleb S. Harriman, chairman of the special committee of the town, explained the situation in detail, giving a compact history of the water question in Wilmington, dating back to 1909, when the first committee was appointed. He said that the great increase in population, especially the summer population, has made an acute situation. In 1810, he said, the population of the town was 900. One hundred years later, in 1910, the population was 1800. But by 1925 the population had grown to 3500, and in the summer there are from 5000 to 7000 more. The summer population has brought about a deplorable situation, he said. The people live in small shacks, on a lot 50 by 50 feet, and to get water they stick a pipe in the ground. The houses are so close together that sewage gets into the wells which are dug or driven and there is great fear on the part of the town officials of an epidemic of typhoid.

As a remedy, he said, the town wants to put in its own water supply. The project is a big one for such a small town, amounting to about $400,000, but the town would be able to sell water to Reading North Reading and Woburn. Woburn is badly off for more water, he said.

There is in Wilmington a watershed of 75 acres, Mr. Harriman said which would give a supply of one million gallons. The town needs one 100,000. The schools in Wilmington have not water fit to drink, he declared, and this is one reason why action is necessary without delay. Engineer Weston of the sanitary engineering division of the State Department of Public Health testified to tests made last September in the watershed. He said the water is excellent and free from pollution.

Others who favored the bill were J. Winn Brown, former-Representative Eames of Wilmington, F. W. Dayton, G. H. Voter of the finance committee of the town, Selectman Pettingill and Mr. McMahon and Mr. Barrows of the town. There was no opposition.

A WATER SUPPLY FOR WILMINGTON

Two years ago at the Town Meeting, a committee of six was appointed to look into the subject of town water. For many years our town has needed water. About this time of year many small wells become dry unless the summer has been an unusually rainy one.

This committee has had wells dug in many parts of the town. Always the attempts were unsuccessful. The water did not meet the requirements of the Board of Health.

Discouraged, the committee decided to try one more place, the farm of Mrs. M. B. Hathaway on Andover street. The wells were driven through fine sand, then through coarser sand, and finally into gravel. In this gravel there is an unlimited quantity of pure water. Twenty wells have been dug, ranging from forty to seventy feet in depth. Water is being pumped from sixteen of these wells night and day for fourteen days. If the water continues to flow as well as at first and the other four wells do not become dry the State Department will be assured that there is enough water to supply Wilmington for years to come.

Near our future water supply there is high land which will be excellent for a reservoir.

Many of the town's most prominent men are interested in the water, and they think that within the next two years the water supply will be a reality.

WILMINGTON TO GET NEW WATER SUPPLY

Provided for by Bill Now in the Legislature

WILMINGTON, April 9—Town water supply has been for years a subject of discussion here. A bill relative to the matter is now in the House of Representatives and is expected to be voted upon by both houses of the General Court this month. With the dire necessity for establishing new water supplies in the State it is believed that it will be passed.

The proposed plan will not only benefit this town, but is of such a nature that Woburn, Reading, North Reading and Tewksbury, whose facilities are inadequate to their needs, can be supplied by a system centralized here. A contract is under advisement with the citizens' committee appointed by Mayor Duffy of Woburn to investigate plans to relieve that city of its shortage.

The contract will call for 80,000 cubic feet per day from the pumping station here for a period of not less than 15 years and a renewal margin of an additional five years. State officials who have been over the ground here, and who have figured on the daily output of a number of test wells, have stated that a million gallons a day will be possible from the 175-acre plot near Browns Crossing, North Wilmington, where the 75-foot artesian wells will be sunk as the source of supply.

Division of the Water

Of this million gallons, Woburn can buy the 600,000 gallons which its committee will ask; Wilmington will have the 100,000 which is estimated to be sufficient to fill the present needs here, and a surplus of 300,000 gallons will remain for the other two towns, or for the State, which will also be authorized in the bill as a customer.

Reading, although at present able to get along with its own plant, will soon face a crisis in the matter, and must decide between hooking up with the Metropolitan system, or joining with an independent supply such as this.

On March 10, 1924, at the yearly town meeting, a committee of seven was chosen to investigate the matter. Caleb S. Harriman was made chairman, Louis T. McMahon secretary, and the others were Harry DeLorreia, Carl S. Pettingill, George Voter, Herbert C. Barrows and Edward N. Eames.

The group conducted experiments in several parts of town and at last concluded that the spot chosen was the most likely. Their work was carried on under State supervision and was financed by special appropriations by the town.

Standpipe Is Provided For

When the bill becomes a law the matter will be voted upon at a regular town meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose, and 30-year bonds will be issued to cover a fund of not more than $400,000, as is provided for in the act. Work may then commence on the system.

Simultaneous with the acceptance by the town will be the election of three Water Commissioners. Their power will include the right of eminent domain and of prosecuting persons guilty of damaging the sources of supply.

The pumping works will be at the Brown's Crossing location and will have a capacity of more than 1000 gallons a minute. They will force the water under pressure to a standpipe on Kelly's Hill, near Shawsheen av, on the opposite side of town. The standpipe site has an elevation of 173 feet and is the highest point in town. The standpipe will be 125 feet in height.

Pipes will be laid through the principal streets and side lines will take the water into the more sparsely settled sections. The district schools in outlying parts will be among the first to benefit. Eighty fire hydrants will be connected with the system.

The bill was presented to the Legislature last December by Ex-Senator Charles P. Howard of this district. Mr Howard is now State budget commissioner and chairman of the State Committee on Finance and Administration. He has been active in advancing the project.

Town Raises $350,000 at Special Meeting for Installation of Water Works System.

Wilmington, Jan. 1.

A special town meeting was held in Grange hall on Friday evening for the purpose of raising funds to install a water system here. The sum of $350,000 was asked for and this sum was raised. The vote was 260 in favor and 10 against.

Work will soon start upon the project. The pumping station will be located at North Wilmington on land owned by the Hathaway estate and the stand pipe will be located on "Kelley's Hill" off Shawsheen avenue.

This is the biggest undertaking ever attempted locally, and while it may be expensive for a few years, no doubt it eventually will prove a benefit to the town.

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LARGE AGGREGATION INSPECTS NEW WATER PLANT

Woburn Mayor and Reading Selectmen Present

On Saturday afternoon, Sept. 15, about 70 notables from Wilmington, Reading and Woburn gathered at the Pumping Stations in North Wilmington for an informal inspection of the plant. Two lines of hose were attached to the hydrants in front of the station and streams of water under 125 lbs. pressure were sent into the air. Both pumps and both engines were working and the sight was impressive. After this inspection the gathering adjourned o the home of Mr. C. A. Harriman on Salem Street. Dinner was served out of doors by Foster, caterer from Lawrence. Music was furnished by an instrumental trio, from the National Associated Studios of Music.

Following the dinner Mr. Harriman read a report of the Board of Water Commissioners of which he is chairman. He stated that the entire work, including the erection of the pump house and standpipe and the laying of 21 miles of pipe in the streets had been completed in just eight months and a half without any important delay or accidents. The Board is ready to turn back to the town $2,000 remaining from the appropriation of $50,000 made last December. Brief speeches were made by each of the various contractors. The out of town guests included Mayor Harold P. Johnson of Woburn, representatives from the Woburn Board of Public Works, Selectmen of Reading and the Reading Fire Chief. Among the Wilmingtonians were Carl S. Pettingill, Walter Hale, Selectmen; Frank S. Eames, Town Treasurer; and John W. Hathaway, Chairman of School Board.

LAYING OF WATER PIPES PROGRESSES RAPIDLY

Huge Trenching Machine Does Work of Many Men

The work of laying the pipes for the water system is being pushed rapidly. The men have been working only two weeks and the pipes have been laid from the end of Church Street, near the Common, to the Center. Another gang of men are laying the pipe along Middlesex Avenue and have completed the stretch from the North Wilmington Station to Wildwood Cemetery.

Two great trenching machines, one run by steam and the other by gasoline, take the place of many men in digging the trenches. These machines greatly resemble steam shovels equipped with a special boom that digs a trench of uniform width and depth. Formerly it took a long time and great force of men to dig the necessary trenches but with the machines it requires only one man.

In addition to laying the pipe, work has been started on the reservoir. The 'gineers have levelled the top of Kel- Hill, dug the pits, built their forms .re pouring the cement for the of the stand pipe.

WILMINGTON WATER SYSTEM NEAR COMPLETION

Stupendous Task Accomplished In Record Time

Undoubtedly one of the greatest projects undertaken by the town of Wilmington in recent years is the installation of a modern water system. The benefits to be derived from such an enterprise are indeed many and far-reaching.

The pumping station in itself is unique, both in its equipment and advantageous position. It is located off Woburn Street adjacent to the branch line of the Boston & Maine Railroad in a locality where the best water in Wilmington is to be found.

The equipment of this station consists of two Bessemer full Deisel type engines of 60 H P each and two Triplex Platt Pumps with cylinders 10 by 12 inches with a capacity of 500 gallons each per minute. Fuel is shipped by rail and stored in a large tank at the railroad siding.

The standpipe is located on Kelley's Hill off Shawsheen Avenue. It is 30 feet in diameter and 125 feet high. Its capacity is 660,000 gallons. The top of the standpipe is 300 feet above sea level.

Twenty-one miles of pipe have been laid. The sizes are 14", 12", 8", 6" and 2". Pipes have been laid through the main thoroughfares of the town and to the schools.

The work done by the Board merits commendation. Quick and concentrated action has enabled the townspeople to have water installed in eight and one-half months.

The Water Commissioners are: Caleb S. Harriman, Chairman; Louis T. McMahon, Secretary; Alden N. Eames.

WILMINGTON CLERGYMEN BLESS WELLS

Pumping Station Opened at Brown's Crossing

One of the largest feats ever attempted by Wilmington has been conquered. Under very capable supervision this town has been able to gain possession of an independent water system. The construction near completion made it possible for the new pumping station to be open to the public on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 2 o'clock. The station is equipped with two large engines of a capacity of fourteen hundred horsepower each.

Rev. Richard Boland, the master of ceremonies, opened the service by reading passages from the Bible in Latin, which he translated to English. He blessed the wells and introduced Rev. Arthur A. Simmons, who delivered a brief address. Because of the delay in the arrival of the Jewish delegates, the ceremony was closed with a benediction delivered by Rev. Stead Thornton, who was introduced by Rev. Boland.

Mr. Weinberg of the Wilmington cash store was chosen as delegate and spokesman from the Jewish congregation. Because of Rev. Boland's early departure Rev. Simmons introduced Mr. Weinberg, who gave the blessing in Hebrew and then translated it to English. Two of the Jewish delegates bore the American flag and the Shield of David.

At the close of the ceremony the hose was turned on from the hydrant adjoining the pumping station so that the townspeople could observe the force with which the water flowed. At this time the sun shone on the stream and formed a rainbow which made the scene very impressive. The pumping station was open for public inspection on Saturday and Sunday and the interest of the townspeople was shown by the large crowds which attended.

Special Town Meeting To Be Held Nov. 14

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To Vote On The Sale of Water To No. Reading

On Thursday evening, November 14th, another Special Town Meeting will be called by the local Board of Selectmen where a vote will be taken on a very important subject. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote to see if the authorities will be given permisson by the townpeople to enter in a contract with officials in North Reading for the sale of town water to that town and to see if the town will vote to appropriate a certain amount of money to lay a water main from the corner of Park and Woburn Streets along Park Street to the North Reading line.

According to a tentative contract that has been drawn up, the town of North Reading guarantees to the town of Wilmington a two hundred dollars annual net profit over all additional costs including the payments of bonds and interest and the additional expenses at the pumping stations. Therefore, it is assured that the people will suffer no additional expense and the town will benefit from a two hundred dollars annual net profit.

Following are the articles that the voters will be requested to vote on:

To see if the Town will vote to sell water to the Town of North Reading, for such periods of time, in such manner, under such terms and conditions, and in such amounts, as it may determine; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to make a contract or contracts with the Town of Reading therefor; or do anything in relation thereto.

To see if the Town, for the purpose of paying the expense of constructing about 5080 feet of water main from the corner of Park and Woburn Streets along Park Street to the North Reading line, will vote to appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand ($14,000) dollars, or any sum, and for the purpose of raising said sum, will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow, from time to time, amounts in the aggregate not exceeding said sum of fourteen thousand ($14,000) dollars, and to issue the note or notes of the Town therefor under the authority of Ch. 276 of the Acts of 1926, to be payable in not more than ten years from their rospective dates, or do anything in relation thereto.

Park Street Water Project Opened Monday

Dec. 1935

As a result of the completion of negotiations with officals of North Reading for the supply of town water to that community, the local water department this week started operations on their side of the line with the opening of the Park Street project. It is expected that this work will take about six weeks, and will employ about fifty five men.

The line of work will proceed along Park Street from Woburn Street to the North Reading line, a distance of approximately four thousand nine hundred feet, and consists of digging trenches, and laying ten inch cast iron pipe. The work at this time of year will be more difficult in the digging, and it may be interesting to note that the workers have dug through eight inches of frost.

The workers on this project have been taken from the ranks of the local unemployed who were unable to register on WPA projects.

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Wilmington's Streamlined Fire Truck

Engine 1, the new streamlined fire truck of the Wilmington Fire department, is shown in the above photo. Chief Edwin L. Day, right, and Assistant Chief Winfred W. Rice are shown looking over the truck just before the approval tests were held yesterday afternoon.

Wilmington, July 5.

The new Bulldog Mack fire truck was delivered at the fire house in Church street, Friday afternoon. It is the latest model and has all types of equipment attached. Fire Chief Edwin Day announced that it will be tested by the Fire Underwriters Monday morning, July 8, at 10 a. m. at the brook on Middlesex avenue, North Wilmington, near Buck's store. The townspeople are invited to attend the test trial. If the truck is passed by the Underwriters Monday it will be accepted by the Board of Selectmen at their next regular meeting.

Wilmington

Police Take Over New Station— Desks Presented

Wilmington correspondent: Mrs. Susan T. Esler. Tel. Wilm. 477.

The Wilmington police took over their new station Sunday. Chief Harry J. Ainsworth was presented a desk for his own personal use by Dr. Ernest MacDougall, who also donated a leg splint for use in the ambulance. Lewis I. Elfman donated another desk for the rear office, to be used by the regular officers. The new ambulance is expected to arrive very soon.

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NEW WILMINGTON STATION OPENS

Police Chief Harry J. Ainsworth and Deputy Chief Francis S. Hoban are shown at the new police building in Wilmington yesterday morning. Chief Hoban is holding a leg and arm splint donated to the department by Dr. Francis MacDougal.

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Handiwork Makes Old Touring Car Into Beautiful Emergency Service Truck

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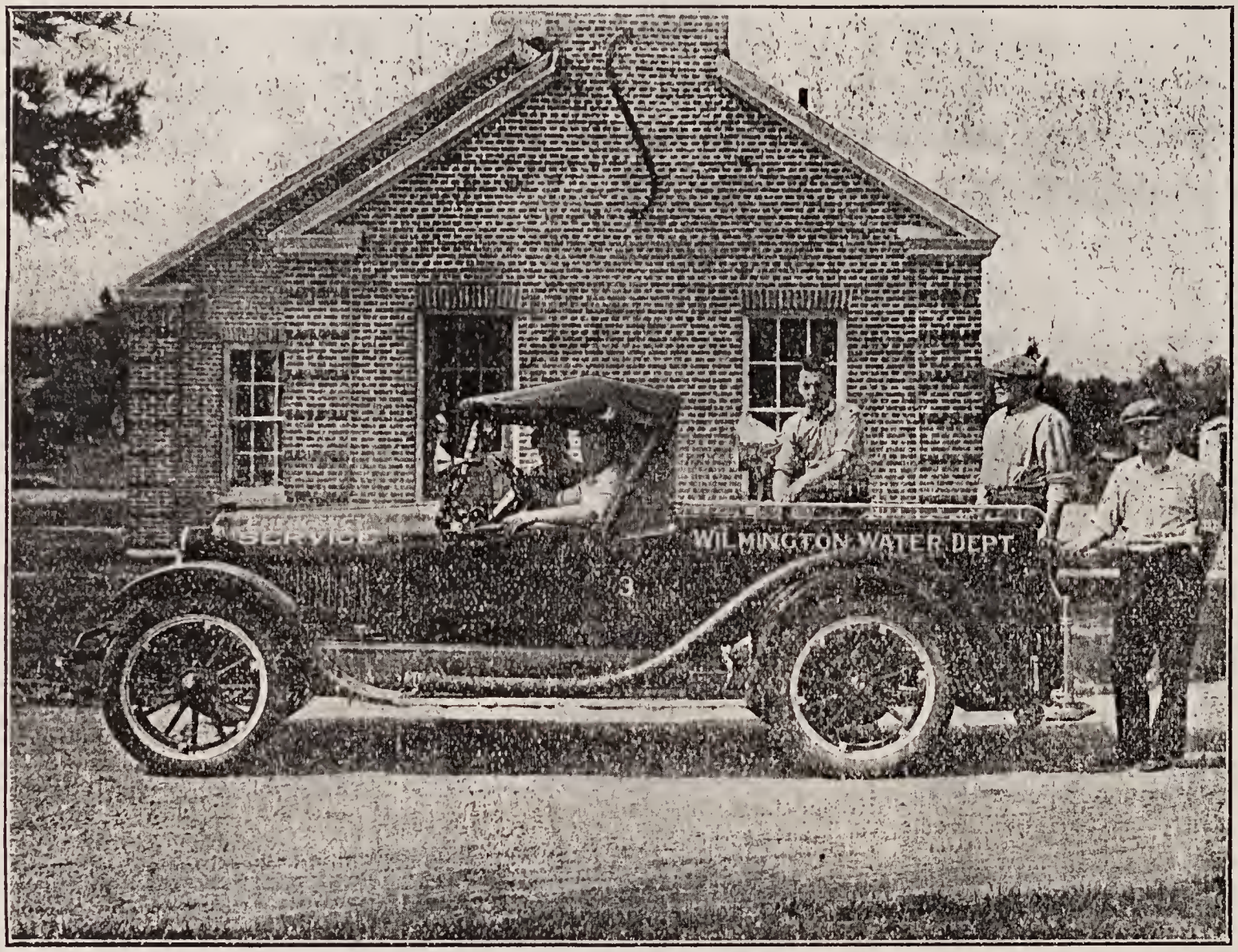

LOCAL WATER DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY CAR

Winter Months Give Water Department Employees Time to Work Out Ideally Designed Emergency Service Car. Do All of Work Excepting the Lettering and Stripping. Crew in Picture Responsible for Beauty and Convenience of Designe. Donald W. Foster, Superintendent of Water Department Visualized Perfect Means of Utilizing Gift of Louis McMahon.

The local Water Department is to be congratulated on the fine piece of apparatus which they turned out last fall, and which they have called their Emergency Service car.

This car, a 1923 Reo 6 Touring car was the gift of Louis T. McMahon, one of the members of the Water Board. It was given to the Water Department by Mr. McMahon, with the privilege of doing anything they might see fit. At first, there was little thought as to just what would be done with it, but when the winter months came on and the work slackened up a bit, Superintendent Donald W. Foster visualized an emergency service car, and immediately the men set to work.

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The machine is equipped with a portable flood light, 300,000 c. p. and a range light of 300,000 c. p., which is also portable. At present there is only one flood light, but the machine is equipped so that two may be placed on it. Each of these flood lights are capable of 500,000 c. p. each and can be operated from the truck as a unit, or from any 110 volt electric circuit. There is on the truck 500 feet of extension cord, which makes the portable lights most acceptable for moving, and these lights can either be operated from stands on the truck, or the portable stands.

The truck is so constructed to have compartments on the sides to accommodate a complete set of large tools, including wrenches, picks, shovels, bars, etc. There is also a small set of tools complete, including saws, wire clippers, life belt, etc. There is another compartment which carries rubber gloves, hats, coats and boots There are all kinds of fire connections, adapters, and wrenches for connections on hydrants. The truck now carries 150 feet of 2½ inch hose, 350 feet of 2 inch fire hose and 200 feet of 1 inch hose, together with nozzles and adapters for each size. There is also on the truck 1 hand pyrene, and 1 regular acid extinguisher, which was donated by the Fire Department.

There is also in the truck a complete set of underground Water Plans, showing every line and hydrant in the town, and every connection. They also have a beautiful instrument called a Magnetic Underground Locater. This last is to be used in case of a macadam road where a break occurs. The necessity of tearing up roads in wrong places is avoided when the machine is used inasmuch as the minute it comes to the broken line or shut-off it stops.

The truck is painted a beautiful green with gold striping and gold letters, and all the lights and attachments are nickle plated and it all tends to give the truck a rich appearance.

The truck is for the Town of Wilmington and explicit instructions have been given that it is never to leave the town. It is to be always available for use in the town.

When the truck was first finished it answered a few fire calls to demonstrate to the town just what the Water Department had, and it was found that the flood lights and extra hose carried was an asset to the assistance of the Fire Department. The department has expressed its wilingness to answer any or all calls to fires and be of what assistance they may, provided they are required. They have a fine piece of apparatus, and it is well worth favorable consideration in every respect. What the fire department may lack, the Water Department may have, and they are ever wililng to be co-opertive. The Truck is available for any emergency town use.

The entire machine was completely overhauled at the Water Department Station. Every nut and belt was gone over. The engine was completely overhauled, and everp part of the chassis put in first class A No. 1 condition. Then came the question as to just how to go about the rest of the work. This was soon thrashed out, and the result of their handiwork can be plainly seen in the picture above.

The entire work on the car was done by Donald W. Foster, superintendent of the Water Department, Arthur Williams, the regular driver of the service car, Elmer Eaton, Edmond Sargent, George Foote, with the exception of the lettering and striping in gold which was done at the Turner Body Works in North Reading.

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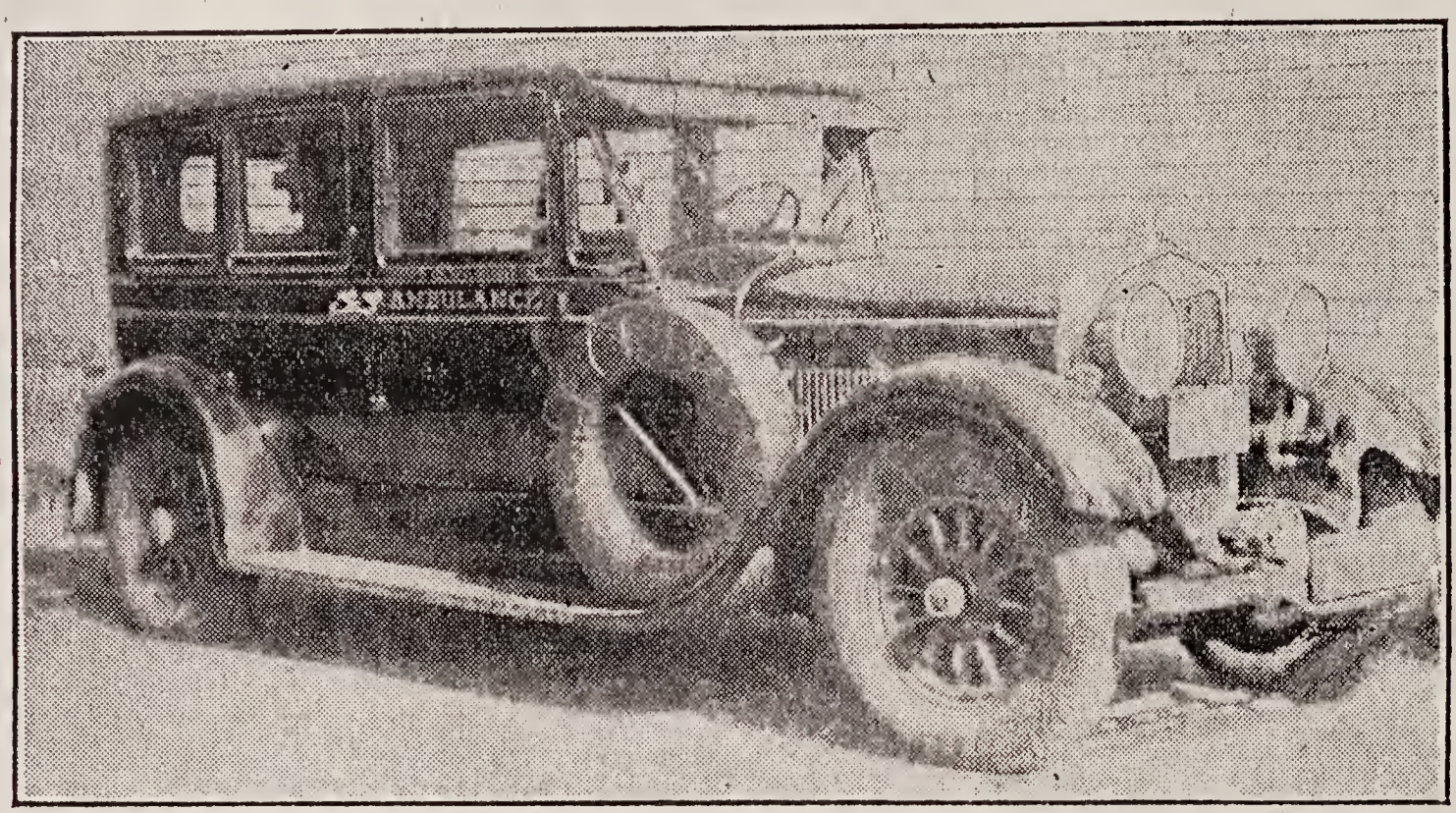
New Municipal Ambulance Ready for Service in Wilmington



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strictest investigation on his part, and where kindness and understanding are more what the offender needs, he is the first to extend the same. Through his wide understanding of mankind and his pleasing manner of approach, one never hesitates to unburden their troubles to him, and where he sees a spark of manhood in any offender, he will always give him another chance to prove himself.

Chief Ainsworth takes great pride in his force of officers working under him, and when ever possible he will extend credit to them for good work done, rather than pat himself on the back.

Many improvements have been made in the police system since his entry into office, including the remodelling and refinishing of the police station, the installation of two cells in the police station from their former position in the town highway department building, the traffic lights in the square and the sanitation of the station only recently. The purchase of an ambulance for this town was due to the efforts of the chief in soliciting funds from public spirited citizens who were so generous in their response, that he was enabled to purchase the same at an earlier date than he anticipated. Never before has this town been in such capable hands for its protection and well being.

One of the outstanding highlights of his administration is his periodical visits to the out-lying districts of the town "just to let the people know that we are on the job," is his casual remark. His policing of the Silver lake district, both during the summer and winter months, has brought forth many compliments in his behalf by owners of cottages in the vicinity, and never is he too busy to pass the time of day with anyone he meets. His hours of duty have no time limit, and his subordinates are always willing and ready for any task he assigns to them, for they know that he is at hand to help them through any difficult spot.

The present Police department consists of three regular officers besides the chief, namely, Burton Frotton, Talbot Sidelinker and Paul Washburn, while there are eight special officers as follows: Albert D. Butters, Austin Taylor, Fred Fields, Francis Hoban, Harris Hemeon, Joseph Galka, Elmer Eaton and Donald Foster.

At the last town election held in March, Chief Ainsworth was elected constable by a large majority. Before coming to Wilmington to live

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Venture Added Triumph of Work of Popular Chief Harry J. Ainsworth

CHIEF HARRY J. AINSWORTH.

some six years ago, he was a member of the board of selectmen of North Andover for six years, three years of which he was also chief of police and chairman of the board of public welfare, where he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Besides being an efficient and capable officer of the law, he is a most devoted husband and father, and makes his home with his wife, his son Raymond, and daughter, Vada, in Burlington avenue.

Machine Purchased by Donations From Townsfolk for Police Department

The new ambulance recently put in service in the town of Wilmington, was obtained through the untiring efforts of Chief of Police Harry J. Ainsworth in securing funds with which to purchase the same. The lettering, "Town of Wilmington Ambulance," appears on either of the forward doors and a large red cross is conspicuous on the middle windows on each side of the machine. Arrangements have been made by the town authorities to house the ambulance at the fire station, which is centrally located and easy of access.

Many public spirited citizens have already contributed toward the ambulance fund and any who feel so inclined may do so, as it is being purchased through the generosity of the public at large, for whom it will be used. The sedan is equipped with a heater, fire extinguisher and siren. The doors on the right hand side are so arranged that they will open, leaving no obstructing post in the centre of the car and giving ample room to place a full length basket therein. The basket contains an air cushion with sheets, blankets and pillows and the back of the right front seat is removable to permit the basket to be placed inside. If a person is convalescent, or is to be taken to a sanitorium, they may have a most comfortable ride in this large sedan. The ambulance will be operated by the officer who may be on duty at the time of call.

THE AMBULANCE

The Wilmington Ambulance this month has completed two and one half years of service to the people of Wilmington. Since it's inauguration in July of 1934, this public convenience has proven to be a marked success, and has been commended on many occasions for its past achievements. During the past year, over eighty cases were served by the ambulance, an increase of about twenty cases over last year's members.

Wilmington is very fortunate to possess such a valuable convenience, and is one of the few towns of its size that enjoys this service, the ambulance was purchased through donations offered by local public spirited residents, and since its purchase has been better, equipped and maintained by contributions. An independent fund has been maintained at the bank, and at the present time this fund enjoys a comfortable balance. However, due to the fact that the ambulance is used quite steadily the bank balance providing for its maintenance fluctuates considerably, depending upon the amount of service rendered.

To the present time, the local residents have shown sincere pride in their own ambulance and have generously come forward with contributions that have so far insured its maintenance. In turn, the ambulance and its fund have been kept in an orderly manner, and its privileges have not been abused.

The ambulance is on call at anytime, day or night, and is at the service of all local residents. In the event of emergency, a call to the Wilmington Police Station will bring the ambulance to your door in short order.

In the past, the residents have given their generous support, and it is hoped that this practice will be continued in the future. Donations of any size are solicited, and people may give with the assurance that the maintenance fund will never be over-burdened with money.

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Story of Early Local Graduation in Old Clipping

Paper Preserved by Joseph N. Ames Recounts Exercises Held in 1859 Is Interesting Study in Old Journalistic Methods—From Middlesex Journal.

An acount of what is believed to be the first graduation exercises of Wilmington High School is contained in a clipping loaned to the News by Joseph N. Ames, local antique dealer. The story is written in the style peculiar to the time in which it was printed in the Middlesex Journal, then a flourishing publication. The paper is dated March 3, 1859, indicating that graduation time in those dayswas much earlier in the year than it is now.

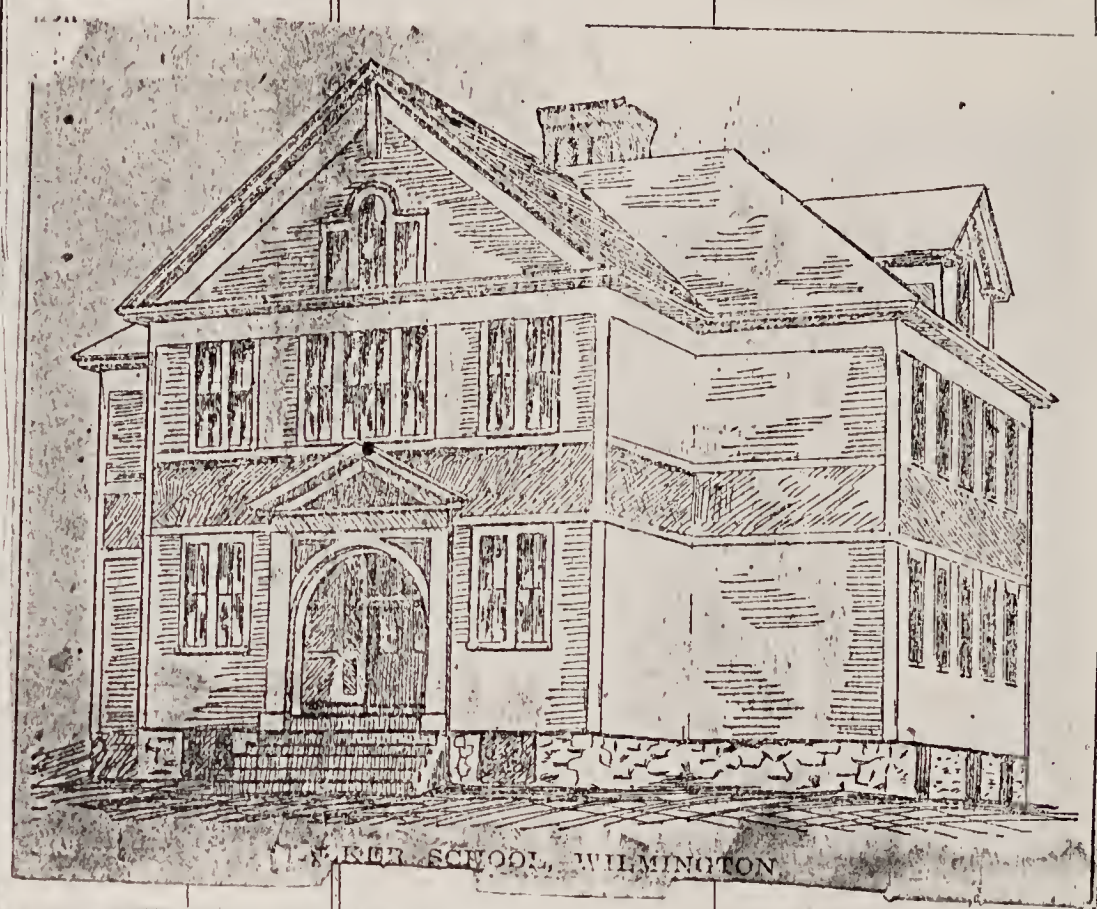
The clipping follows:

"Wilmington.—The Examination of the High School in this town took place on Tuesday March 1st. The exercises consisted of the examinations of the classes in Mathematics, Latin, French, Reading, etc. I listened to some compositions which I think were as good as the best I ever heard. Among which, in particular was one from a Miss M——, and others equally interesting, viz.: that of A. L——, J. S——, L. G——, H. N——, and others which I have not time to enumerate. Last of all, though not the least, was the Valedictory, by Henry Ames,—called by friends, very excellent, though not so long as some, yet, "short sweet", during the delivery of which audience listened with the greatest attention, it being the last term of the school under its present principal. The two closing verses are well worthy of publication:

"'Though knowest how false and fading
The glows ofpleasure are,
And now we part to rove no more
Beneath our guiding star.

The bitter tear-drops swell,
And now, adieu forever!
As the last fond tie we sever,
Fore-ever-more farewell."

The audience was then dismissed for the afternoon. The evening exercises commenced with the beautiful song entitled "Good Evening", afterwards various declamations and songs, "The Murmuring Sea", "Home, Sweet Home", etc, etc. Near the close of the evening a soft voice whispered that there would be a presentation. In a few moments, under the direction of the committee, Master John Nichols stepped forward upon the stage and delivered a short speech, prepared for the occasion, and with the asistance of two young ladies, presented their faithful teacher, Mrs. Dunstan, a very handsome Cake Basket and Castor with the following words, "We understand that this is the last time you will occupy your seat as Principal of this High School or of another. Will you accept this present, not for its intrinsic value, but because it comes from affectionate and loving hearts, and the remembrance we shall ever cherish for you as a teacher and a friend. May prosperity attend you and your partner for life.



WALKER SCHOOL, WILMINGTON

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Dedicated at Wilmington Saturday.

ADDRESSES BY REV. MR. GRANT AND SUPERVISOR GOWING.

The dedication of the Walker school at Wilmington took place at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The exercises were opened by a prayer by Rev. Elijah Harmon, after which Mr. Charles Reed made opening remarks and introduced Mr. John T. Wild, chairman of the building committee, who said:

Mr. Chairman and Members of the School Board, Ladies and Gentlemen:

At a meeting held in the town last April it was voted to have a building committee to whose care the construction of the school was intrusted, and although the space of time was limited that committee met with few obstacles and the work was carried on successfully and completed at the desired time. I now have the pleasure of presenting to the selectmen in behalf of the building committee, the keys of this building, and I must say that we thank them for the great sympathy and good will they have shown all through its progress. I present to you, Mr. Chairman, these keys.

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r. Edward M. Nichols, chairman of Board of Selectmen, then accepted keys in behalf of the Selectmen d people of the town and then pre-nted them to the School Committee. . F. Reed responded for the committee in a neat speech.

The next speaker to be introduced was Rev. Mr. Grant, who in part said: This most beautiful building is in every way conducive to your children's health and welfare. As I have the pleasure of speaking to you as my friends on other subjects, I will not delay you, as there are others to whom you will wish to listen, but I wish to speak of one or more things, and that is a more real helpful sympathy on the part of the parents. I do not refer to the people of Wilmington alone, but go where you will the same thought prevails. The school is not the place to fill one's brain full of book learning, but it is the place to develop the mind of the pupil. I would that every parent would give his child a good grammar education, if not a high school education. Let it not, if possible, stop at the grammar, but let no boy or girl finish his or her education until he has graduated from the high school. Many will say, what is the use of sending children to the high school? What is the use of learning Latin? Latin is the greatest study to develop the memory. It teaches the pupil to think. True, he may forget what he has learned in after years, but it has left him the power to think. Now, my friends of Wilmington, you who have practically the town in your own hands, mark my words that 15 years hence you will not rule your town as you do today. Then educate your children for that time; build pure homes for the glory of God and may God bless you.

A sketch of Mr. Walker's life, after whom the school was named, was then read by Mr. Calvin C. Brackett, the principal of the high school. He said in part:

"Sears Cook Walker, was born in Wilmington, March 28, 1805, a town where four generations of his ancestors had lived and died. His father's mother was descended in a direct line from the celebrated Elder Brewster, who came over in the Mayflower. Sears' father died when he was a mere infant, so that his whole care and training devolved upon his mother. He took the studies preparatory for college at the academies of Andover, Tyngsboro and Billerica, and was graduated from Harvard in 1825.

"He took up teaching as an occupation for ten years, and from 1836 to 1845 was actuary of the Pennsylvania Insurance company. While engaged with his school he studied medicine, taking the whole course requisite for a degree, took up natural history and was no mean proficient in geology, mineralogy, physics and chemistry. He was an active member of the Pennsylvania Geological society and a useful member of the American Philosophical society.

"Astronomy and geography in America are much indebted to Mr. Walker for original labors. In 1845 he was given a position in the observatory at Washington, and later became director of the longitude department of the coast survey. His researches later gave him a wide reputation. Although his fame was won in the abstruse field of mathematics, his lingulstic attainments were of a high order."

The next speaker to be introduced was Hon. Fred Gowing, state supervisor of education of New Hampshire.

Mr. Gowing received a hearty greeting. He spoke as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen and Members of the School Board:—As the chairman stated in his introduction that I was no stranger to the town, I may say I am not. It is literally "land where my fathers died." My forefathers lie here in yonder cemetery and here, too, I expect some day to find a resting place. It is with pleasure that I speak to you on this occasion. You have met here today to dedicate a school. Dedicate it to what? And you answer, to the education of the youth. Is this education practical or is it a system of practical education? You hear people speak of a practical horse shoer, but pray tell me did you ever see a horse shoer that was not practical? You will hear of theoretical education and practical education. People will say, teach typewriting, stenography and book-keeping, they are practical branches. Why then should not the horse shoer, the wheelwright come and say teach horseshoeing, etc. Then we see cooking, sewing, calisthenics, etc., taught, and you ask why we do not have that. But, my friends, we must keep to the old-fashioned ideas; as yet we cannot jump ahead. But of all things which I mean to speak of is teach your children to read. The teacher will say that this one cannot learn percentage and another one etymology and so on. Now the reason is that they cannot read. Read so you will understand, and read until you do understand. Read good books and teach the child the love of the beautiful, and make him become interested in the methods and sciences of the day. Push them forward. A forward push and an upward pull is what you need to practice, both the teacher and the parent.

I wish all might understand politics when they leave school, and if possible know how the affairs of their town are conducted and how to conduct them. Let every one be a politician. Let no man buy your vote but be like the sturdy salior of whom Seneca tells us, and pray his prayer: "O Neptune, O Neptune, you may sink me if you will, you may save me if you will, but only help me keep my rudder true."

We have all been homogeneous here, intermarried and all like one family; knew each other's joys and sorrows, but now how are we? We are scattered about; new faces greet us now in our paths. In other words, you are becoming civilized, your town is building up. You perhaps know enough for today, but educate the child for 25 years from today.

The sweetest smile on the landscape noticed as I came up the path was that beautiful patriotic symbol, the flag, that which means so much to all of us. It brings to mind the words of the constitution, "A government by the people, of the people and for the people."

Mr. Gowing's speech was highly appreciated by all present.

Benediction was then given by Rev. Mr. Harmon and the exercises were brought to a close.

The school is situated on Church street and is a commodious four-room building. The system of ventilation is very fine and the building will be heated by hot air, Smith & Anthony system. Miss Ames of Deerfield is the principal, with Miss Alexander in the sub-grammar and Miss Sylvia Prescott in the primary room.

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NEW HIGH SCHOOL AT WILMINGTON DEDICATED TONIGHT

Wilmington's new High School building, erected at a cost of $35,000, will be dedicated tonight. The exercises commence at eight o'clock. Dr. David Snedden, of the State Board of Education, will deliver the principal address.

In the afternoon from two to five o'clock the doors will be thrown open for public inspection.

The feeling in the minds of the citizens is of pride coupled with satisfaction in the conviction that full value is received for expenditure.

The imposing, dignified structure furnished and equipped to the minutest detail, represents the latest and best thought in educational construction.

The material is brick, laid in old English bond, with wide mortar joints similar to the old State House at Boston. It was designed with view of possible additions later to harmonize with the general plan.

The capacity is 200 pupils. This is considerably beyond present needs, but improved facilities always attract a greater number of scholars and the time will seem wonderfully short when more room becomes necessary.

The building contains: an assembly hall with seating capacity for 250; four class rooms; chemical and physical laboratories; and two commercial rooms; domestic science room in the basement; principal's office and a teachers' room; both of ample size. Throughout it is furnished and equipped ready for use.

The inverted system of electric lighting is employed. A gas making machine is installed for use in connection with the stoves in the domestic science room. Apropos of this room it should be mentioned that it has been equipped throughout by the Wilmington Woman's Club and presented to the town. This is a gift greatly appreciated by the Committee. It is the intention to early engage a teacher in this line. The corridors are equipped with drinking fountains conforming with recent sanitary laws.

The building is equipped throughout with a set of electric clocks controlled by a master clock in the Principal's office. These strike the periods and the fire alarm when necessary.

March 6, 1914, the town appointed a Committee "to purchase land, erect a building and furnish the same at a cost not to exceed $35,000." On this Committee were Herbert C. Barrows, chairman, Caleb S. Harriman, Fred H. Roberts, Dudley B. Purbeck, Howard M. Horton, sec'y.

Three and a half acres of land in the centre of the town, adjoining the present High School Building, were bought of Charles Osbon at a cost of $2,000.

Plans of Edward I. Wilson of the Paddock Bdg., 101 Tremont st., Boston, were selected in competition with four other architects. The selection was made upon greatest desirability from the common sense standpoint.

The only extras amounted to $33, and most of them were made necessary by new laws.

There were twelve bidders for the building. The contract was awarded to Daniel L. Shepard of Boston at $25,794, exclusive of heating.

The heating was awarded to Stone, Underhill Co., $3,648.

The total cost of the building, including furnishings complete throughout, was $35,000.

The building was accepted by the Committee Jan. 5th.

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A special town meeting is called for next Monday evening.

Dedication of Wilmington's new high school building tonight. Doors will be open this afternoon 2 00 to 5.00 for general inspection. This structure is a splendid monument to the progressive spirit of the citizens.

Dedication of the New High School Building, a Model of Its Type.

(Special Correspondence.)
Wilmington, Jan. 17.

About 225 people attended the dedication of the new high school building Friday evening. The exercises were most interesting, and each speaker emphasized the attainment of high ideals in character and education. The program was as follows:

Selection, girls chorus; invocation, Rev. Howard G. Hageman; introductory remarks, Charles L. Randall; selection, school chorus; history and presentation of building, Herbert C. Barrows, chairman of building committee; acceptance, Howard M. Horton, chairman school committee; dedicatory address, Dr. David Snedden, commissioner of education; selection, chorus; addresses, Hon. Levi S. Gould, Hon. Chester W. Clark; selection, girls chorus; closing prayer and benediction, Rev. George J. Bloomfield.

Commissioner Gould's talk was reminiscent of his first school days, 1838-1842, in Wilmington. Senator Clark spoke of the early high school in 1856-1865, and the inception of the present school in 1871.

The members of the building committee, in addition to Mr. Barrows, were Caleb S. Harrison, Howard H. Horton, Dudley B. Purbeck and Fred H. Roberts. The high school instructors are Fred W. Carrier, principal; Ruth M. Giles, Elizabeth Lord and Elizabeth Batchelder.

The building is constructed of red brick, two stories and a basement, which is so far above ground as to almost give the effect of another floor. There are two main school rooms, several class rooms, commercial and typewriting rooms, laboratories, an assembly hall which will seat 275, a domestic science room, a guaranteed heating and ventilating plant, lavatories, gas machine and a large gymnasium. The building is well appointed throughout. The domestic science room is thoroughly equipped, the furnishings being given by the Wilmington Woman's Club. The building committee has given generously of its time, and some members have contributed to the fittings and equipment of the building. A flagpole in front is a gift from an interested citizen.

This handsome structure is located near the former high school building, in Middlesex avenue, on a lot of land of over three acres. Last March the town appropriated $35,000 to cover the cost of land, building and furnishings, and the appropriation has not been exceeded; and the town has a school building of which it may well be proud.

For several years the superintendents and school boards have realized the need of a new and larger high school building. The school was growing rapidly and would soon tax the capacity of the old building. Each annual report contained references to the subject, but not until 1912 was the matter taken up in earnest. A campaign of education was begun by the officials, carried forward by the Men's Clubs of the churches. A special town meeting favored the project, only to be reversed by another special meeting a few weeks later in the fall of 1913. The matter was brought up again at the annual meeting in March, 1914, and a vote favorable was easily secured. A building committee was appointed and immediately set to work, with the result that in less than nine months the school was dedicated.

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DANIEL T. BUZZELL SCHOOL

Wilmington, Sept. 22

The dedicatory exercises of the new Daniel T. Buzzell school in School street took place this afternoon on the grounds surrounding the new school building, when the official presentation of the structure was made by the Building Committee to the School board Chairman Charles H. Black of the Building Committee presided during the exercises which were most impressive and inspiring.

Seated on the speakers platform erected for the occasion were Rev. Augustine McMahon who made the dedicatory address, Rev. James J. McGoohan and Rev. Joseph E. Murphy of St. Thomas' church, Rev. Arthur A. Simmons of the Congregational church who gave the invocation, Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer, who pronounced the Benediction, John W. Hathaway, chairman of the School committee, Representative Ralph R. Currier, and Superintendent of Schools Stephen G. Bean.

The entire program was broadcast over a loud speaker system, with music being also provided by the same system.

The exercises were largely attended by members of the School board, town officials, teachers, members of Wilmington Post 136, American Legion, and the Post Auxiliary, members of Nee Ellsworth Post 2158, V. F. W., and its auxiliary, Boy Scouts, Troops 1 and 2, invited guests and many interested citizens, and school children.

The exercises began promptly at 3 p. m., with Chairman Black presenting the following program:

Invocation, Rev. Arthur A. Simmons
Presentation of Flag,
Harold E. Melzar
Acceptance of Flag,
Stephen G. Bean, Supt. of Schools
Flag Raising,
Scouts Daniel White, John Barrows, and Ralph Wicks.
Laying of Cornerstone,
Philip B. Buzzell
Remarks:
Representative Ralph R. Currier
Remarks:
Burr F. Jones of the State Department of Education.
Remarks and Presentation of Keys:
Charles H. Black, Chairman of Building Committee.
Acceptance of Keys:
John W. Hathaway, Chairman of School committee.
Dedication Address:
Rev. Augustine McMahon

In the absence of Frederick J. MacQuaide, chairman of the board of selectmen, remarks from the town officials were presented by Harold E. Melzar, member of the board, and Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer.

Following the laying of the cornerstone by Philip B. Buzzell, son of the late Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell, Chairman Black of the Building committee, commissioned senior patrol leaders, and Eagle Scouts John Barrows and Charles H. Black jr., to lay a beautiful wreath of asters on the grave of Dr. Buzzell in Wildwood cemetery.

Each of the speakers on this afternoons' program spoke in glowing terms of the character and devotion to duty of the late Dr. Buzzell, and praised the building committee and also the townspeople on obtaining such a splendid building for the education of the young people of this town, which shall stand as a monument to one of Wilmington's greatest and best loved heroes.

Following the dedication an opportunity was given those present to inspect the new building.

The new Daniel T. Buzzell school dedicated today has a floor plan space of 75-6"x107'-6," and contains six class rooms, superintendent of schools office, school nurse's office, wash rooms and toilet facilities for both boys and girls, with boiler room and large supply room in the basement which runs about a third of the way under the one-story building of wooden construction.

A wide corridor runs the entire length of the building through the center. All doors leading onto the corridor are of vestibule type, and class rooms are on each side of the corridor. The rear portion of the building is divided into 4 regular size classrooms, while the front portion has a classroom on each side of the front door, between which are situated the boys' wash room and toilet facilities with running hot and cold water, and the superintendent of schools' office on one side of the front door, while on the right of the front door is situated the school nurse's office and the girls' wash room and the second classroom.

Each classroom has direct lighting fixtures, Univent system of ventilation, with a separate unit in each room. Each classroom seats 35 pupils but is designed to seat 40, has 100 square feet of blackboard area, and 12 square feet of corkboards for bulletins. Each room also has wardrobes built into the rooms, with plenty of book closet room. The woodwork in the building is stained a weathered oak shade, while the desks and seats are of walnut stain. The inside walls of the building are plastered with light buff color stucco, fireproofed with wire laths.

The building has been completely

insulated with aluminum foil in addition to the celotex insulation on the outside walls.

All windows are so placed that light is on the left side of the pupil, and every classroom has a door leading to the outside in addition to the doors leading to the main corridor.

The building is constructed to permit the removal of the temporary partition in the two rear rooms, and the erection of a folding partition which when opened will allow an assembly room seating 250 persons. The building is also designed so that additional rooms may be added on the rear of the school.

Floors in the classrooms and corridor are of hardwood, with concrete floors in each of the washrooms.

The building is steam heated and is piped for Master radio and loud speaker system. Rooms are high studded, light and airy and the entire building is indeed a credit to any community.

In addition to the aforementioned facts concerning the description of the building, the building is wired with a Master electric clock system, which automatically rings the class bells. The weather vane on the building was contributed by the Building committee. The flag was contributed by Harold E. Melzar, and the picture of Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell was contributed by his son, Philip B. Buzzell.

As one enters the front door of the building he is impressed by this fine portrait of the late Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell and the bronze plaque upon the side wall with the following inscription:

WILMINGTON
Dedicates this School in Memory of
Daniel Thompson Buzzell, M. D.,
1857—1930
For his half century of Devoted
service to this community.

The doors from the classrooms are so placed to avoid any confusion during the changing of classes.

The hardware throughout the building is black colonial antique, and the desks are of single pedestal type with swivel chairs. The ERA of Massachusetts has contributed to each room an oil or water color painting, which work has been done by ERA artists of Massachusetts.

Work on the building has been done entirely by local labor at a cost of $32,500, which amount includes the cost of building and furnishings.

Grading work and terraces surrounding the school has been done under the supervision of ERA and will be continued under WPA when it starts. The terracing work calls for a series of terraces with field stone steps going down the terrace to the grade behind the high school.

The architect for the new school is Halsey B. Horner of Wellesley Hills. The superintendent of building operations is Chester T. Horton, and the members of the building committee are as follows: Charles H. Black, chairman, Edward C. Manning, secretary, John W. Hathaway, Joseph T. Kelley, Alfred S. Allen, Louis T. McMahon, Michael H. Barry, Eugene L. Coombs, and Harold E. Melzar. The superintendent of schools is Stephen G. Bean, and the members of the School com-
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Loriea, Edward C. Manning, Olivia H. Norcross, Velma Bedell, and Peter Neilson.

Good Daniel T. Buzzell, M. D., after whom Wilmington will name its new schoolhouse, was long an institution at the Depot who never called upon a patient but he made a friend. It is pleasant to record that the vote in favor of "the Daniel T. Buzzell Schoolhouse" was unanimous. The doctor was one of a kind whose services in the old-time New England community were of inestimable value.

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COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOLS
JUNE 3, 1922

Whereas announcement was made of the bequest of the late Miss Lois R. Carter of "seven thousand dollars to establish a scholarship for the benefit of the Seminary for girls at East Northfield, Mass., to be called the Lois R. Carter Scholarship," it was

Resolved, That said legacy is accepted by the Trustees of the Northfield Schools, subject to the provisions, and the Trustees hereby undertake and agree to carry out the purposes expressed and implied, in and by the words of said legacy; and it was furthermore

Resolved, That the Trustees hereby express their deep sense of gratitude for the generous provision of the late Lois R. Carter, whereby this scholarship has been established, providing the means whereby a worthy student in Northfield Seminary will be assisted in her efforts to acquire an education, and thus in coming years the donor's interest and sympathy with earnest youth will be held in perpetual memory in the Northfield Schools; and it was furthermore

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Chester W. Clark, executor of the will of the late Miss Lois R. Carter.

The above is a true copy.

Attest: AMHERST G. MOODY
Clerk of the Board of Trustees
The Northfield Schools
East Northfield, Mass.
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Citizens Vote To Purchase Two Portable Schoolhouses

Special Town Meeting of Brief Duration Appropriates $11,000 to Erect Movable Structures to Meet Urgent Need for Larger School Housing Accommodations. Attempts by Mrs. Esler to Fix Location of Schools Ruled out of Order by Moderator

At a special town meeting last Tuesday night, the citizens of Wilmington voted to apropriate $11,000 to be used for the purchase, erection and furnishing of two portable schoolhouses, to be used to relieve the present overcrowded condition in the local schools. The meeting was of brief duration, lasting less than 20 minutes, but did not lack a certain quantity of acrimony for a current of feeling became aparent after Mrs. S. T. Esler was ruled out of order when she attempted to make the question under debate fix the location of the schools.

Moderator Edward Eames ruled Mrs. Esler out of order on the grounds that her motion would be placing before the meeting a matter which was not included in the warrant for it, but Mrs. Esler felt that she was within her rights in trying to amend the article so as to make it necessary to place the buildings in a definite place. She did not attempt to appeal from the Moderator's ruling, however.

A second article on the warrant, to appropriate several hundred dollars for the purpose of putting the town water in the Town Hall, was passed without debate.

Little discussion preceded the taking of the vote on the schoolhouse question. Several requests for additioanl information were made and were granted by members of the school committee and others speaking through the chair.

Mrs. Esler's motion voiced a strong public sentiment that one of the school houses to be purchased should be placed somewhere in the Silver Lake District, a feeling which is shared by at least a minority of the school board members. The Lake District has felt for some time that it was not getting a square deal in the matter of school accommodations for the children of that section and the voters there were out in force to attempt to see that they received their just due.

It is more than a possibility that one of the new buildings will be put at the Lake, however, as the school population there has grown by leaps and bounds in the past few years and the time is close at hand when accommodations for the lower grades near at hand must be made.

The location of the new schools will be fixed after a survey of the expected school population in this Fall and the buildings will be placed where they will best accommodate the pupils.

Chairman John W. Hathaway of the School Committee and also of the special committee appointed last year to study increased school house facilities, indicates that he has devised a plan whereby alterations may be made in the High School which will increase its seating capacity by at least 100 pupils at a very small cost. His plan involves the erection of an assembly hall and gymnasium in the rear of the building and the remodelling of the present hall and gymnasium into class rooms and chemical laboratories. He will introduce his plan in detail, giving the probable cost and the expected advantages, at the next annual town meeting next March.

The portable schools which are to be purchased are of the two room variety, each seating about 40 pupils. They have been found to be satisfactory, economical and warm in nearby cities and towns where they have been in use for some time.

The purchase of the buildings will more than accommodate the expected increase in the school population and will allow for a reasonable expansion next year as well as permit the relief of the present overcrowded condition in schools already existing. The present school population is over 900 and that figure is expected to increase to nearly 1000 when the schools reopen. Accommodations for 160 pupils as provided in the portables to be purchased, will more than take care of the increase, as may be seen.

Veteran Wilmington Teacher Eulogized at Rites

[Special Dispatch to The Herald]

WILMINGTON, Aug. 25—Funeral services for Miss Carolin M. Swain, who died Thursday after many years as a teacher in the Wilmington public schools, were conducted this afternoon in the Congregational Church here. The rites were attended by many from this and neighboring towns.

The Rev. Arthur A. Simmons, pastor of the church, officiated. John W. Hathaway, chairman of the school committee, eulogized Miss Swain, who had given 46 years to public school service, 34 years of which she taught in the Wilmington public schools. She retired in June as a teacher in the junior high school and the school authorities and her former pupils, who included members of three generations in some families, had planned a testimonial to her soon after the reopening of schools.

Miss Swain was born Oct. 6, 1871, a daughter of the late Charles W. and Harriett A. (Clarke) Swain. She is survived by two sisters, Miss Mary G. and Miss Henrietta A. Swain, with whom she made her home in the colonial family homestead, called the Gowing-Swain house, near Perry's corner. She also had a sister-in-law, Mrs. Eva M. Howard, a niece and four grand-newphews, living in St. Paul, Minn.

She was active in religious work in the Congregational Church. She was chairman of its missionary committee for many years, and was prominent in the Sabbath school, the Y. P. S. C. E. and other church organizations. For many years she was a member of the Wilmington Women's Club and was secretary of the Gowing Family Association for 40 years, succeeding her father who was its first secretary.

Burial was in the family plot at Wil[illegible]wood cemetery.

FORMER TEACHER PASSES AWAY

The friends and former pupils of Miss Ida L. Shaw will be sorry to learn of her death which occurred on Saturday, September 14. Funeral serivces were held at Belchertown on Monday, September 1[illegible] Miss Shaw was principal of the Walker School for twelve years, succeeding Miss Blau Alexander. The years spent in Wilmington left many happy memories. She leaves one brother, five nephews, two nieces and several grand nieces and nephews.

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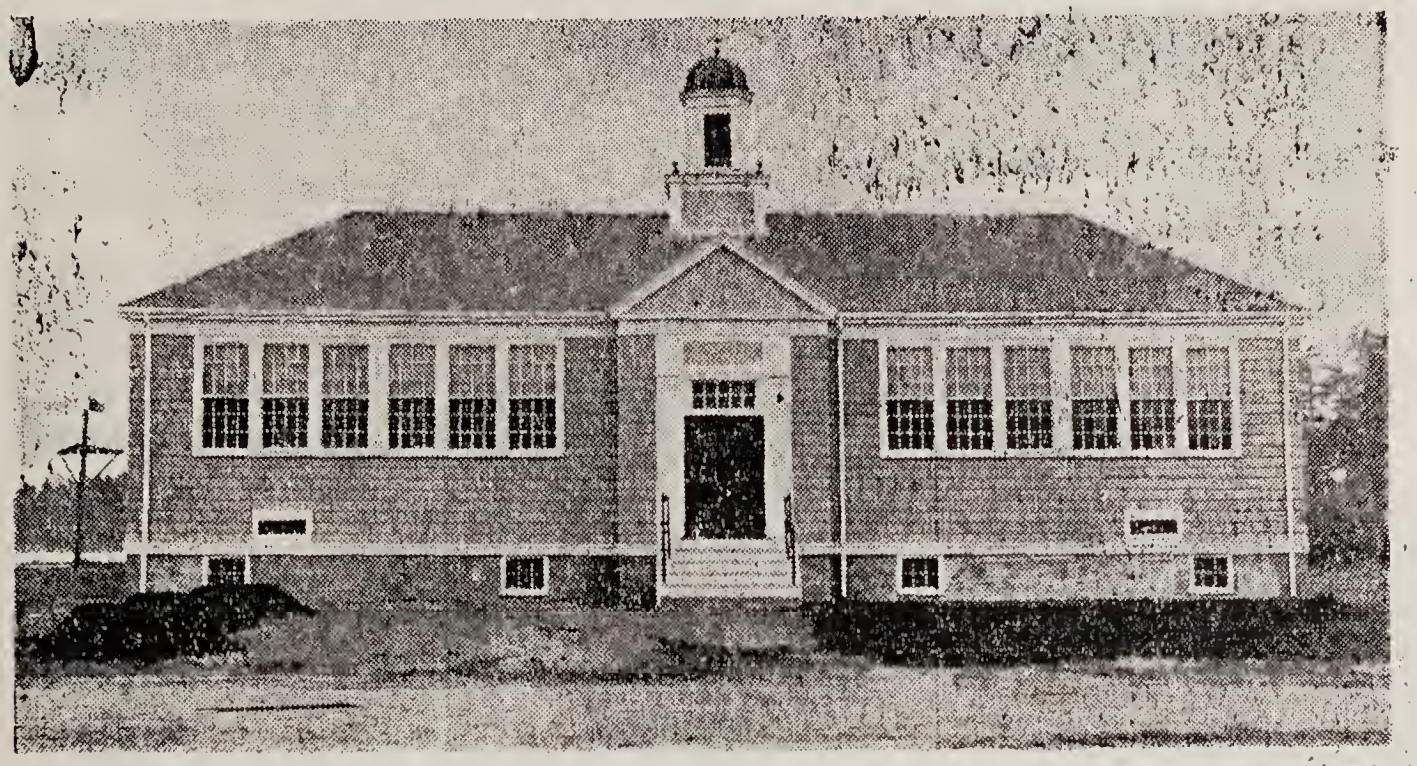
New Silver Lake School Dedicated



The new Silver Lake school in Wilmington which was dedicated last evening at public services is shown above. The structure is modern in every respect and will be used for the first time today with the reopening of schools. Miss Mildred Rogers is principal of the school.

Wilmington, Sept. 5.

The dedication of the new Silver Lake school was held this evening on the grounds of the school in Grove avenue before a large gathering of citizens and friends. The program of the evening started when Harold E. Melzar, chairman of the building committee, presented the keys of the building to John W. Hathaway, chairman of the School committee.

The program of the evening was as follows: "March On" (Chenette), band; "The Yankee" (Chenette), band; address of welcome and congratulations, Charles Black, chairman of the Board of Selectmen; "God Bless America" (Berlin), sung by Miss Rita Joyce, accompanied by band; "Boy Cadets" (Webber), band; speeches by Selectmen Frank Dayton and Jerome J. O.Leary; address by Herbert Barrows, chairman of the finance committee; Poet and Peasant" (von Suppe), band; "Silver Skates" (Chenette), band; address, Harold Melzar, chairman of building committee; address by John W. Hathaway, chairman of School committee; "A Young America" (Webber), band; remarks, Ernest G. Frizell, architect of building. The program concluded with "The Star Spangled Banner," played by the band.

Committees in Charge.

The building committee was composed of Harold E. Melzar, chairman; Chares Baldwin, William Curtin, August McLeod, David Martin, Burt Tilley and Michael Barry.

The dedication committee, Michael Barry, chairman; Mrs. George Boylen, Mrs. William Burns, Charles Baldwin, Wesley Baker, William Curtin, Edwin Forrest, Peter Neilson, Howard Jost and John Joyce.

After the program the public was invited to inspect the new building, which is a two-story structure with all modern equipment.

Refreshments were served in the Association hall following the exercises by the members of the Silver Lake Betterment Association.

MISS SWAIN RETIRES

After 42 years of teaching Miss Henrietta Swain closed her books for the last time on Friday, June 17th, as the school session came to an end. Miss Swain who was principal of the Walker School, received a basket of flowers presented by Mrs. Stanley Webber from the Walker Club, also a pocket-book from the pupils of the school presented by Sally Bedell, and Mrs. Vinal Lewis made a beautiful cake. Arrangements were made for the surprise party by Mrs. David L. Martin, Mrs. Forest Dame, Mrs. Grace LaCells, Mrs. Roger Buck, Mrs. Arthur Day and Mrs. A. Wood. More than 30 mothers were present.

Miss H. A. Swain's school in the east part of the town is the third one of our schools to raise money for a school library within the past few months. Through the energetic efforts of pupils and teacher enough money was obtained in a few days to buy a serviceable library of some thirty volumes. These repeated examples of an earnest school spirit in our schools is surely worthy of commendation.

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MISS SWAIN HONORED

Friday afternoon the Teachers Association of Wilmington tendered a tea in honor of Miss Henrietta Swain, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neilson. Miss Swain is retiring this year after 43 years of service as a school teacher. During the tea Miss Swain was presented pink roses by Mr. J. Turner Hood, a dictionary and an Elgin watch by the teachers. The watch was presented Mr. Mr. Stephen G. Bean Supt. of Schools. Miss Swain was also made an honorary member of the Assoc. Committee in charge were Miss Doris Groesback, Miss Mararet, Delaney, Miss Alyce O'Brien, and Miss Slyvia Neilson.

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(Special Correspondence.)

Wilmington, October 27.

The Walker school, a group of whose pupils is shown in the illustration above, has a registration this term of 180 pupils, which is an increase over last year. The principal is Miss Blan Alexander, and her assistants are Miss Henrietta Swain, Miss Mary Carey and Miss Gertrude Eames.

The school is kept up to date in its methods. When a Courier-Citizen correspondent called, the pupils had just been put through the fire drill and had responded very creditably. This term the course of instruction includes sewing and carpentry work. The latter is taught in a special building, to which the boys will go for instruction.

The registration at the high school shows a gain of 20 this year, and it seems likely that by another year the total number of pupils will reach a hundred. The principal of the school, a young man very much interested in its success, is teaching social science by a practical method that has already attracted the attention of the Massachusetts board of education, as will be seen from the following bulletin, issued this week:

"Town reports are being used by the school children of Wilmington, Mass., as an exercise in municipal government and in preparation for future duties of citizenship. They were requested by the freshmen of the high school and contents were analyzed so as to determine what factors added to the town's prosperity and to find out improvements which would contribute further to its advancement.

"Local pride is running high in Wilmington just now in consequence, and school has acquired an interest it never had before. This study which is known as a course in community study has been introduced in place of ancient history.

"The high school at Wilmington is not the only one that has introduced community study, nor is this the only innovation that is to be noticed in the high schools of the state this year. All last year the Massachusetts board of education gave special attention to problems of the rural high schools of the state, of which there are a large number. These high schools present peculiarly favorable opportunities for constructive work by the state board, for local conditions and limited means prevent the carrying out of the extensive programs of secondary education, and the working out of problems that are possible in larger centers. Here, if anywhere, seemed to be needed a reshaping of the ideals and methods of high school education, and the state board set itself to the task.

"In many of the schools pupils were found to be taking too many subjects, and the teachers to be teaching too many subjects, which resulted in superficial work by both. To remedy affairs, to bring up the efficiency and, in a measure, to set a standard for the high schools of the state, the state board undertook last year to formulate advisory courses with advisory programs, which it believed would meet better the needs of the pupils. The work has been carried on under the special direction of Clarence D. Kingsley, agent, and William Orr, deputy commissioner. These courses and programs are being adopted by many of the high schools this year. They simplify the work by decreasing the number of subjects and at the same time bring it up to date. The simplification is regarded as a prerequisite to improvement in scholarship.

"The high school in Medfield is analyzing copies of the daily newspapers. It is ascertaining how much space is devoted to advertisements, to athletics, to sensational affairs, to religious, social and educational departments. It has written a number of letters to the editors of different papers and is receiving some very satisfactory replies in return. In some schools the nature classes are studying applications found in their own communities.

"Girls at the Petersham high school are receiving special instruction in the management of the household. With only about 40 pupils in all, one teacher is devoting four-fifths of her time to this work. Among other things she is planning to take her classes to homes in the town to study house planning and management.

"In all schools, practically one-fourth of the time is now given to the study of the English language and literature which is the only required subject recommended to local schools by the state board of education. The year has opened with a large increase in the number of pupils who are studying a modern language. They may now begin it in the freshman year and continue it through the four years of the school. This intensive work in English, together with a four years' study of a modern language, it is believed, will afford a much better equipment for the pupil than a superficial knowledge of English and two foreign languages."

"Another feature of the new school year in rural communities is the elimination of the ninth grade in many of them. It is believed that by the time the child has reached what would be the ninth grade he has outgrown the methods and atmosphere of the elementary school and needs a different environment as well as higher forms of study.

"The important thing now remaining to be done is to bring about a closer relationship between the smaller high school and the college. Conferences with college authorities have revealed a general willingness on the part of the latter to consider a readjustment of their entrance requirements so as to facilitate the provision of a more practical program for the smaller high schools."

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May Day Festival of Wilmington School Proves Colorful Affair

The Queen of the Wilmington May Day Festival is shown with her court of attendants following her coronation yesterday afternoon as the highlight of the annual exercises held on the Wilmington common. In the front row, left to right, are seen Diva Luciani, Virginia Swain, Eleanor Porter, Charles Crotty, Marion Poitras, Irene Ingalls. Second row, Catherine Harrison, Pauline Berrett, Gladys Babine, Priscilla Holmes, Gertrude Peitzsch, Ruth Shelley. The Queen, Miss June Cates, is in the third row.

Wilmington, May 17.

The May day festival and field day exercises of the children of the local public schools took place this afternoon on Wilmington common before a large gallery of spectators. The program began shortly after 1 p. m. under the direction of Miss Anne Mullane, supervisor of physical education in the local schools, and she was assisted during the exercises by Elsie Barrows, Jean MacLeod, Pearl Stewart, Marjorie Connor, Arlene Ames and Dorothy Huntley, all high school girls. Miss Gloria Dickenson was the leader for the high school girls in their posture marching, and Helen Witkum, drum major

Queen Crowned.

The opening number was the processional of the May Queen, Miss June Cates, and her court from the high school building. Arriving on the common the queen was crowned by Miss Gladys Babine, with Miss Priscilla Holmes assisting, and the queen's ascent to the throne which was erected on the southerly end of the common. Members of the queen's court were: Diva Luciani, Virginia Swain and Eleanor Porter from the freshman class, Marion Poitrast, Marjorie Swain and Irene Ingalls from the sophomore class, Catherine Harrison, Pauline Berrett and Gladys Babine from the junior class, Priscilla Holmes, Gertrude Peitzsch and Ruth Shelley from the senior class, attendants. Flower girls were Barbara Redmond, Betty Burns, Norma Bond, Janet Colucci, Jean Saunders and Lois Burns. Ethel Cain was the crown bearer, and train bearers were George Graham and Charles

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Crotty. The queen's honor guard of Boy Scouts included Philip Denner, Talbot Hood, Frederick Fields, Chester Gearty, James O'Brien, Russell Henderson, Donald Watters, George Webber, Harold Smith, Louis Tarricone, Harold Campbell and Robert Butters. Thomas Cavanaugh, trumpeter, acted as herald.

The queen was beautifully gowned in white with long train, carrying an old-fashioned bouquet. Her attendants were dressed in pastel shades of yellow, rose, green and blue, and carried sheafs of spring blossoms. The little flower girls were also dressed in long dresses of pastel hues of pink, green, lavender, yellow, peach and blue and they carried baskets of spring flowers. Dresses of the attendants were of organdy, with long billowy skirts, short, tight fitting waists, and puffed sleeves. The crown bearer was also dressed in purple organdy, carrying the crown on a pillow of white satin. The two little train bearers each wore suits of white, the entire group making a striking picture against the green of the common and the surrounding budding trees.

Colorful Dances.

All numbers on the program were presented for the benefit of the queen and her court, and consisted of folk dances, "I See You," "Kinderpolka," and "Hansel and Gretel," by grades 1-2 and 3; "Gustafs' Skoal," "Tantoli" and "Lott' ist Tod," by grades 3, 4 and 5. Next came the posture marching and calisthenics by the high school girls. "Tarantella," a gypsy dance, was given by the Daniel T. Buzzell school girls. Tumbling and stunts, were given by the girl of the high school, followed by "Oxdansen" by the pupils of the sixth grade, Centre school. The final numbers on the program included a May Pole dance by the queen's ladies, and the recessional from the common. Pianists for the program were Miss Dorisecy Florence, teacher of the South school, and Miss Anna Waters, teacher in the Centre school. All pupils in the festival were in costume which added much to the picturesqueness of the various numbers performed. Midway through the program all present paused while the huge flag on the top end of the common was raised to the top of the flagpole by the local Boy Scouts, after which "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung by the assembled throng. Superintendent of Schools Stephen G. Bean acted as announcer for the program.

Tree Planting Exercises.

At the conclusion of the exercises on the common, tree planting ceremonies took place on the sou[illegible] ly corner of the high school grounds when a [illegible] the local school [illegible] one lost during last year's hurricane, was planted. Remarks were offered by Superintendent of Schools Stephen G. Bean, and Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer, pastor of the M. E. church. At the conclusion of Rev. Mr. Seaboyer's address all present repeated the following pledge, led by Rev. Mr. Seaboyer; "I plant this tree to restore to the earth the living wealth of our country and I plant in myself the seeds of honestry, purity, unselfishness and love that will bring moral rearmament to these United States of America."

Miss June Cates, Queen of the May Festival held yesterday afternoon on the Wilmington common, is shown being crowned by Miss Gladys Babine, assisted by Miss Priscilla Holmes.

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Wilmington High Girls' Hockey Team

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT BACK ROW—ELIZABETH CURRIER (Manager), JUNE WOOLAVER, left inside; MARJORIE CLINCH, left fullback; MISS EDNA COBURN Coach; J. TURNER HOOD, Principal. MIDDLE ROW, DOROTHY SHEA, right fullback; ANNA FLEMING, right halfback; CLARA GRATCYK, left halfback, MAGGIE DUGGAN centre halfback; RUTH KIDDER, goal guard; ETHEL HARRISON, left wing. FRONT ROW, ALICE CHISHOLM, left wing; GLADYS HALE, centre;. ETHEL BUTTERS (Captain), centre halfback; DORISCEY FLORENCE, right inside; PEARL FLAGG, left inside.

Wilmington, Dec. 15.

Wilmington high school has had its ups and downs in the sport world, but the girls' field hockey first team of this year has a record which any school or town should be proud. Coached by Miss Edna Coburn, physical education supervisor, they have met high school teams of much larger towns and went through the season without a single goal being scored against them. The teamwork of the outfit has been wonderful to witness. Among the high school teams defeated were Billerica, Malden, Woburn, Methuen, Manchester (Mass.) and Rockport.

Acacia chapter, 80, O. E. S., met at Masonic hall, Tuesday evening, for a regular meeting, when 'Step-Up" night was observed with Mrs. Sybil Wiberg, associate matron, and Thomas W. Davies, associate patron, in charge of the meeting. At the close of the business meeting refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. Miss Olivia H. Norcross was chairman of the evening's committee, assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth G. Furlan, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse K. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Alden N. Eames and Mrs. Ernest Currier.

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Silver Lake School Named For Cocoanut Grove Victim

Wilmington Pays Tribute to Mildred H. Rogers, Former Lowell Resident

AT WILMINGTON SCHOOL DEDICATION—Jean Melzar and Joseph Noonan pictured unveiling the plaque bearing the name of Mildred H. Rogers, former school teacher in Wilmington, in whose memory a school was dedicated in the Silver Lake section.

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WILMINGTON, Dec. 6—Many past pupils, parents and friends attended the impressive ceremonies yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at which the Silver Lake school was dedicated as the "Mildred H. Rogers school" in honor of the late principal, who was a victim of the tragic Cocoanut Grove fire in 1942. Prayer and a flag raising with the group singing of the national anthem preceded a splendid talk by the superintendent of schools on the Lowell born and Lowell educated girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers, 50 Varnum street, who was held in esteem as a patient teacher and efficient principal both of the Silver Lake school and the portable school. August McLeod, chairman of the school committee, was the master of ceremonies, and Stephen G. Bean, superintendent, the principal speaker.

Jean Melzar and Joseph Noonan unveiled the tablet and this was followed by a presentation of a bouquet of chrysanthemums by Maryann Barry to Mrs. Charles Rogers. William Davis played a trumpet solo, "The Lost Chord," accompanied by Mrs. Marjorie Emery, pianist. John William Babine sang two songs, "Till We Meet Again" and "The Old Mill Stream," favorite songs of Miss Rogers, and he was accompanied by Mrs. Edward Shelley, pianist, and Miss Esther Surette violinist.

Charles Rogers presented to Mrs. Guy E. Nichols, school nurse, a check for a fund to be called "The Mildred Rogers fund" and Mrs. Nichols responded saying that the money would be used for the health and welfare of the pupils just as Miss Rogers would have wanted.

Joseph Cunningham, president of the Silver Lake Betterment association, spoke in behalf of the organization which was responsible for having the building erected in 1939. Rev. Clyde M. Martin of the Congregational church gave the closing prayer after which all sang "America."

Miss Rogers was educated in the public schools of Lowell and graduated from the Lowell Teachers college in 1929. She was a member of the Teachers alumni, also a member of the Wilmington Teachers association. She was a member of St. Michael's parish, Lowell and a member of the Ladies sodality of the church. She has a sister, Mrs. Helena Webb of Lowell.

Miss Helen C. Barrett, present principal of the school, was in charge of arrangements and she was assisted by Miss Barbara Purbeck, Miss Sylvia Shapiro and Miss Marjorie Harris, teachers, also by parents of the district.Mrs. Leonard Chisholm was in charge of the musical program.

Rev. Francis S. Strykowski delivered the opening prayer and William Davis, trumpeter, and Mrs. Talbot Emery, pianist, accompanied the group in singing.

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Undefeated Football and Hockey Teams Honored At Banquet

WILMINGTON MIRROR Friday, December 15, 1939

ALMOST 400 ATTEND BANQUET IN HONOR OF UNDEFEATED TEAMS

Over three hundred and fifty people gathered at Grange Hall on Tusday evening, to pay honor to Wilmington's two undefeated teams, the boys football team and the girls Field Hockey team, in the form of a banquet.

The boys for presenting Wilmington with its first clean slate in the schools history and the girls for completing its eighth consecutive undefeated season.

Following the banquet at which Harry Huntley local caterer outdone himself, the gatering assembled in the upper hall for the program.

Michael H. Barry, committee chairman spoke briefly and turned activities over to toastmaster Louis T. McMahon who introduced the following speakers, John W. Hataway chr. of school comm. Supt. of school Stephen G. Bean, High School principal J. Turner Hood, Edward J. Carroll well known football coach, Miss Evelyn Wells School physical director, Coach Driscool of the football team and Rev. James J. McGoohan, who upon entrance to the hall dressed in his new Army uniform, received a tremendous ovation.

At the close of the speaking program, gold charms of crossed hockey sticks with a raised "W" bearing the word "undefeated" and the girl's name, were presented to the following members of the hockey squad by Miss Wells and Supt. Bean: Capt. Gladys Babine, Ruth Boynton, Phyllis Campbell, Hazel Bloomquist, Catherine Harrison, Noreen Joyce, Eldora Hovey, Amy Mullaney, Clappy Hovey, Eleanor Schaet, Christine Moholitny and Manager Ada Ainsworth.

Letters were then presented by Miss Wells to members of the second team, as follows: Mary Lynch, Josephine Lynch, Pauline Farmer, Ruth Ellsworth, Dorothy Thomas, Dorothy Sheppard, Betty O'Leary, Nancy Todd, Marion Pollard, Jean MacLeod, Dorothy Webber, Emily Babine, Patricia Davis, Amanda Henderson and Elde Giles.

Capt. Gladys Babine then spoke a few words and presented Miss Wells a gift in behalf of the team.

To members of the football team, gold footballs were presented by Coach Driscoll, assisted by Supt. Bean as follows: Capt. Robert Foye, Joseph Wa[illegible] Murphy, George Dimitro, Anthony Waisnor, John Ritchie, John Sheppard, Stephen Pilcher, John Foxson, Arthur Drew, Joseph Cavanaugh, Clarence Doucette, Don Charest, Elliott Melzar, Frank Ayottee and Ellis Swain.

Members of the second team were presented letters, those receiving them being: Josph Gentile, George Sheppard, Elwin Hovey, Leo Ring, Thomas O'Connor, Robert Bayliss, Herbert Higginbotham, Harry Campbell, Edward Waisnor, Bennett Bedell, Richard Carpenter, Benjamin Bishop, Fred Guidi, George Gates and John Gillis.

Coach Driscoll was then presented with a gift by Sonny Trow from members of the squad.

At the conclusion of the program, dancing was enjoyed. Music being furnish by Thomas Cavanaugh and his orchestra.

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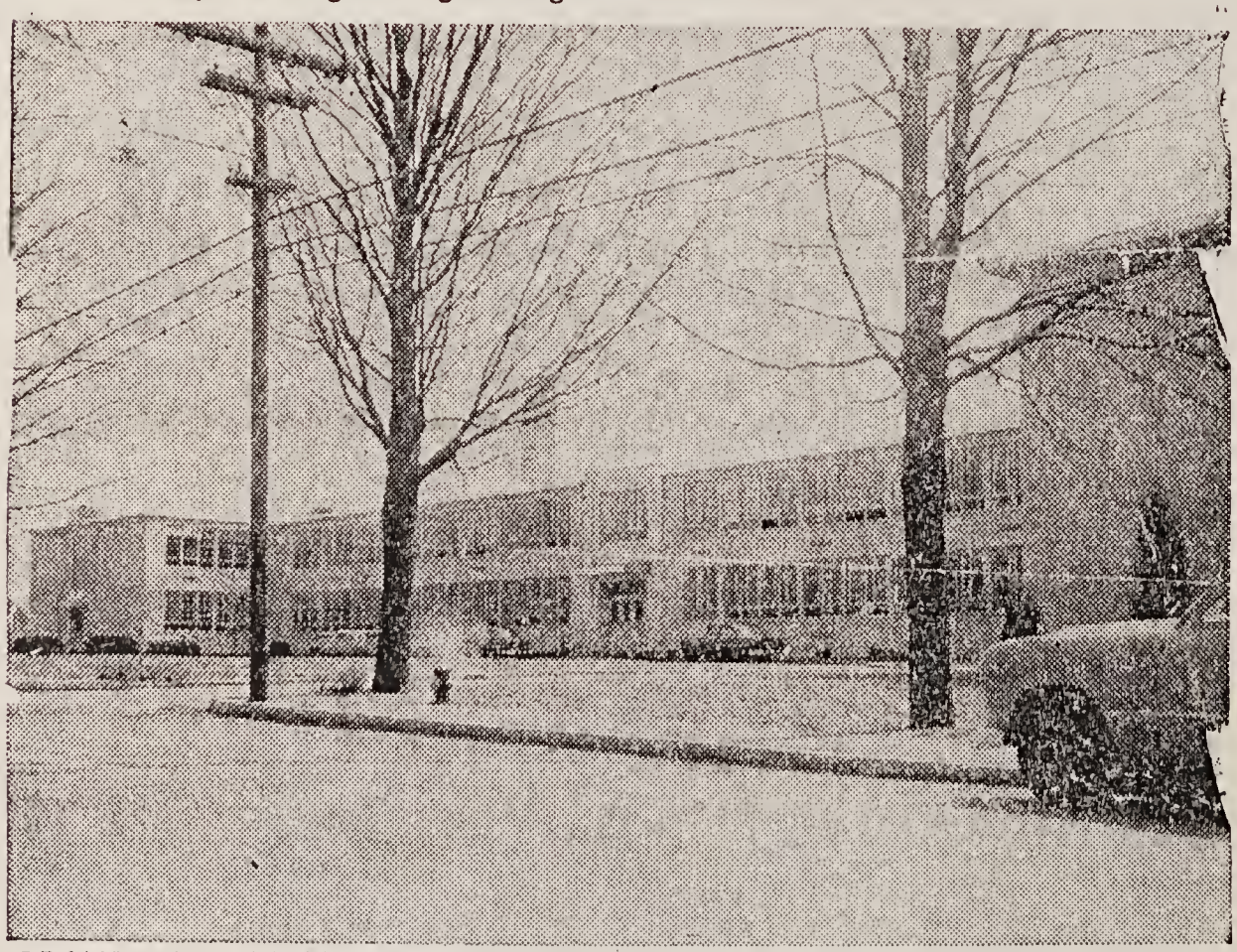
IN 1874, the first class graduated from Wilmington High School. Class w composed of exactly 10 students—with the girls outnumbering the boys. In bac row (top center) is the teacher in black dress. She was Miss Ada B. Chandle Next month, Wilmington High will graduate 105.



BRAND NEW WILMINGTON High School which features the latest in modern school appointments is a model for any community. This year the school will graduate 105 seniors at exercises in June.

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Rotary Club Formed, Fred Cain Is President

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Local Rotary Receives Charter

Word has been received today from the Chicago headquarters of Rotary International that the newly organized Rotary Club of Wilmington has been granted a charter by the Board of Directors of Rotary International. The Wilmington Club is now a member of the vast Rotary organization which has over 5,200 Clubs with nearly a quarter of a million members in more than 50 countries of the world.

Despite the war, this world-wide service organization continues to grow in numbers and in strength. In the last six months 79 new Rotaries have been organized in 12 countries of the Americas, and in Australia, England, Iceland, India, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, and Union of South Africa.

Mr. Fred F. Cain is President of the new Rotary Club of Wilmington. The Secretary is Mr. Stephen G. Bean.

An organization meeting was held recently at Cain's on Main street to form a Wilmington Rotary Club. Fred Cain explained the idea of the organization to those present. After the discussion a charter was drawn and 38 names were entered. A nominating committee including Guy E. Nichols, Rodney Buck and Neil Byam brought in a list of new officers which was accepted. The officers are: Fred Cain, president; Henry J. Porter, vice president; Algot Osterman, treasurer, and Stephen G. Bean, secretary. The president appointed the following members to act on arrangements for the dinner which is to be held every Wednesday at noon; Harry Huntley, Vinal H. Conway and Michael Scelzo.

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Wilmington Rotary Club Dedicates Dental Clinic for School Children

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Oct. 26—Dedication exercises for the Wilmington dental clinic sponsored by the Wilmington Rotary club, with the dedication officially opened by the Wilmington Rotary president, Dr. Ernest MacDougall, who turned the program over to Chairman Earl Sylvester.

Rev. Stanley Cummings offered the invocation, and the first speaker for the day was the school nurse, Mrs. Esther Nichols, who unveiled the plaque which was dedicated to the children of Wilmington. After the interesting address by the school nurse, the Rotary governor, Frederick Parce, of the 288 Rotary district was introduced, and spoke with enthusiasm on the many worthwhile accomplishments of the Wilmington Rotary club.

It was revealed to the hundreds of townspeople present that on March 17, 1948, Mrs. Esther Nichols, RN, gave a talk at one of the Rotary luncheons in Wilmington and brought to the attention of the local Rotarians the need of a school dental clinic in Wilmington.

Sponsors Program

The Wilmington Rotary club immediately investigated its possibilities, and a committee was elected to determine the cost as well as other important factors involved in a project of that kind. This report led to the selection of a committee to raise sufficient funds for a dental clinic, and on Labor Day, 1948, the Rotarians sponsored the old home day program, which, with the help of local organizations and townsmen raised $4900 for the project.

Dental equipment was purchased and installed in the Roman house, and on March 31, 1949, sodium fluoride treatment of children's teeth was started in Grades 2, 5 and 8. Between March 1 and June 23, 263 children received dental attention.

During the coming school year, it is the desire of the dental clinic officials that fluorine treatment will be given to 400 children in order that tooth decay, normal in this age, be reduced materially.

Minimum Expense

It is the purpose of this clinic to give to the children of Wilmington a chance to have the benefit of recent advances in the practice of dentistry and to promote an educational program for their welfare at a minimum of expense consistent with good quality of operational procedures.

Chairman Earl Sylvester introduced Rev. George S. Brennan, who offered the benediction after the dental clinic exercises, after which the people of the town were invited to visit the clinic as well as enjoy a musical program. The Roman house was beautifully decorated with flags of all nations, where the Rotary clubs are organized. The local residents departed with an excellent impression of the clinic which is modern in every respect.

'Old Home Days' Program at Wilmington Big Success

Joan Preston Chosen Queen, With Six Attendants; Marjorie Calnan Wins Auto

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Sept. 8—More people turned out for the Wilmington Old Home days celebration Sept. 4, 5 and 6 than for any other event in the history of the town. Throngs congregated from neighboring towns and every section of Wilmington to witness the races, contests, matches, amusements and the parade. The affair was sponsored by the Wilmington Rotary club for outfitting and support of the Wilmington dental clinic, and Earl Sylvester was the general chairman.

Old Home days officially began Saturday, although concessions at the park opened Thursday. Showers Saturday slowed up the celebration, until mid-afternoon, when a blazing sun brought children and grown-ups out to see the amusements and concessions. Saturday night a baked-bean supper was served from 5 to 7 p. m. at Betterment hall and at 9 p. m. boxing matches were enjoyed by hundreds of on-lookers.

Sunday afternoon a swimming carnival began the day's special festivities. Two swimming races were conducted for Wilmington and South Tewksbury boys, with the following boys in the first race which extended from ages 9 to 11: David Keller, 9; Theodore Smith, 10; Robert Donnelly, 11; Philip Tadowski, 11; James Ryan, 11; Robert Wilner, 10; John Curran, 10; Joseph Curran, 11; with the Curran brothers coming in first and second, and David Keeler third.

For boys, 12 years old, the following entered: Richard McLaughlin, Francis Kellerton, Tom Curran, Teddy Chisholm, Richard Pellerin and Teddy Avanowski. These two races had been requested by local boys.

The swimming events were were conducted under the leadership of William Cotter, manager of the South Boston Boys club, assisted by Edward Sullivan of Boston university, and Joseph Baldwin of Boston Metropolitan chapter, American Red Cross. The swimming director for the South Boston Boys club was Philip Lombardi. All types of swimming strokes were demonstrated and examples of life saving as well as races for junior and senior classes were held.

The following boys raced and exhibited swimming techniques: Bill Wentworth, James Farragan, Edward Mahoney, Edward White, Adolphe Ivanooskas, Bill Burbank, Paul Dana, Martin O'Malley, James Green, Billy Bimis, Robert Shine, Donald Smith, Allen Marsler, L. Conroy, R. Conroy.

Also well represented in the swimming carnival were the Bunker Hill girls club of Charlestown, who were directed by Hazel Verstratten, with the following as entrants: Barbara Muse, Ann Sullivan, Jane Doherty, Peggy Doherty, Ann Lynch, Patsy Lynch, Mary Cowan, Marie Callahan, Irene Cowan, Jean Callahan, Marjorie Cowan. The girls demonstrated rhythmic swimming, stunting and water patterns accompanied by tango and rhumba music.

As there was no response to advertising for candidates for queen of the Old Home days, the queen and her attendants were picked by a secret group of Wilmington Rotarians. Joan Preston of Shawsheen avenue, was chosen the queen and her attendants included Dorothy Fro-

Last night, residents of Wilmington were thrilled with the spectacular finale which closed the Old Home Days celebration of the Wilmington Rotary club. For over one and one-half hours unusual flares emanating from the Silver Lake park could be seen in the skies. The fireworks display was certainly the best ever seen here. The people of Wilmington are very grateful for the effort the Wilmington Rotary club and assisting organizations have made towards giving Wilmington such an enjoyable Labor Day week-end. Old Home Days will long be remembered.

ton, Beatrice Weatherbee, Barbara Moore, Anna Grant, Pearl Newhouse, Marjorie Johnston.

The three winners in the beauty contest included: first, Miss Virginia Mafucci, of Watertown; second, Pearl Newhouse of Wilmington; third Lorraine Ahern, of Wilmington. Other beauty entrants were as follows: Dorothy Baltussis, Helen Rothwell, Eleanor Fidler, Elaine Ahern, Edith Sullivan, Helen Clements. At 7 p. m. Sunday an excellent band concert was given by Redmans band of Wakefield.

Parade

One of the most spectacular events of the Old Home days was the parade which began at 2 p. m., Monday afternoon, starting at Wildwood street and Middlesex avenue to Church street, to Main street thence Grove avenue to Silver Lake park. Many exceptionally beautiful as well as amusing floats were entered. Henry Porter, past president of the Wilmington Rotary club dressed in top hat and tails was marshal of the parade, followed by the five Rotary club officers. The queen's float was mounted o a truck and decorated with red, white and blue streamers. S was seated on a throne, attired with robe and crown, and surrounded by her attendants, dressed in lovely evening gowns.

People were amazed at the number of floats entered and of the painstaking thought and detail given to each. Redman's band from Wakefield, composed of painted Indians with tomahawks and drums, performed a war dance much to the amusement of the crowd. Horse-drawn carriages carrying notables of the town were in evidence, including auto relics and trucks of days gone by, followed by the very latest in streamlined models. Humorous clowns whizzed in and out on gaudily decorated cycles, while many beautiful floats covered with fresh flowers, or gray streamers, were witnessed. One of the many outstanding floats was the memorial float dedicated to the veterans of World War II who made the supreme sacrifice.

Monday night, as a concluding number of the program, an 1948 automobile was awarded to Marjorie Calnan of 199 Glen road when her ticket was drawn by the Old Home Days queen after preparations supervised by Stephen Bean, Tim Cunningham and the second attendant to the queen. The queen was presented a check for $25 which she immediately donated to the dental clinic fund.

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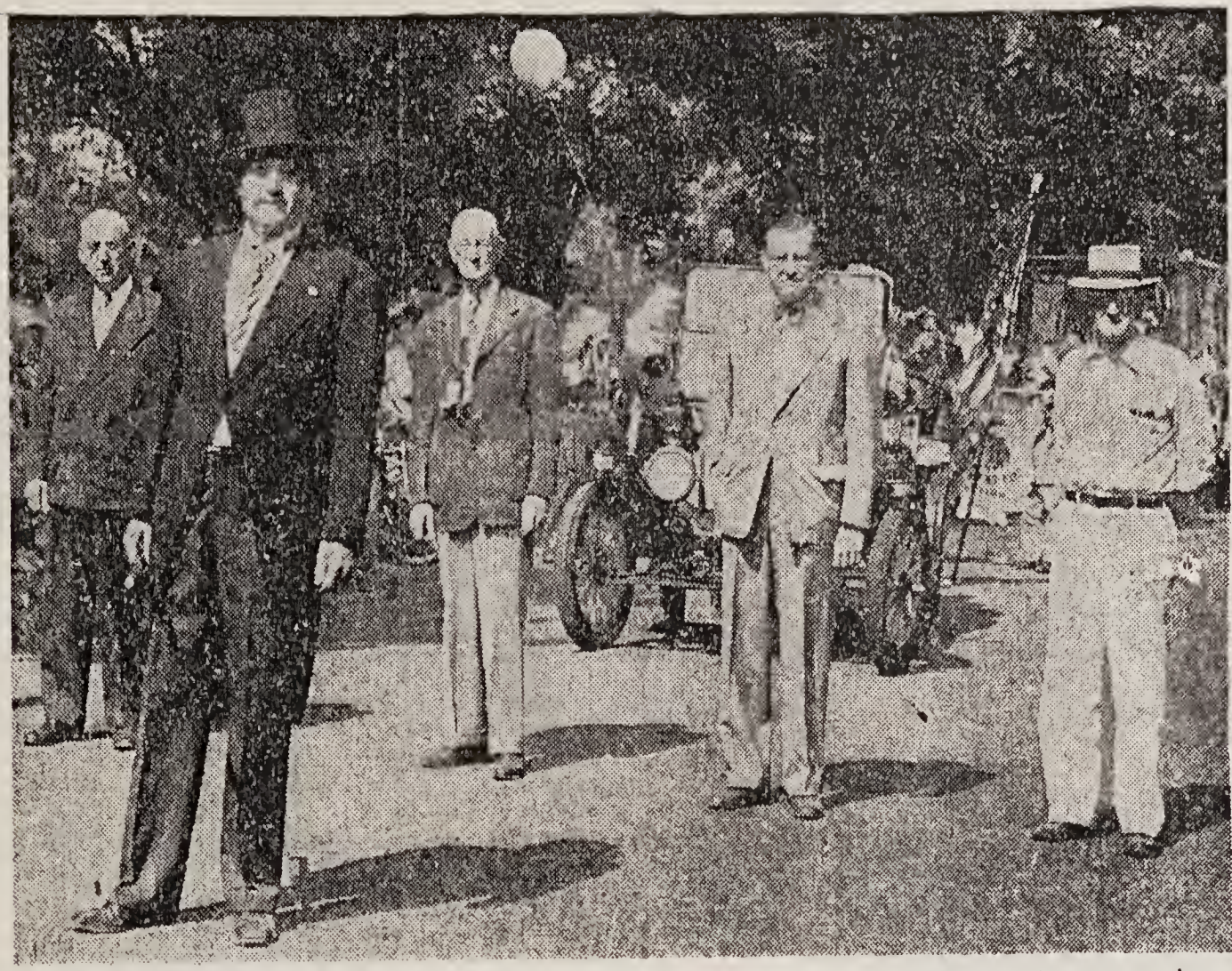
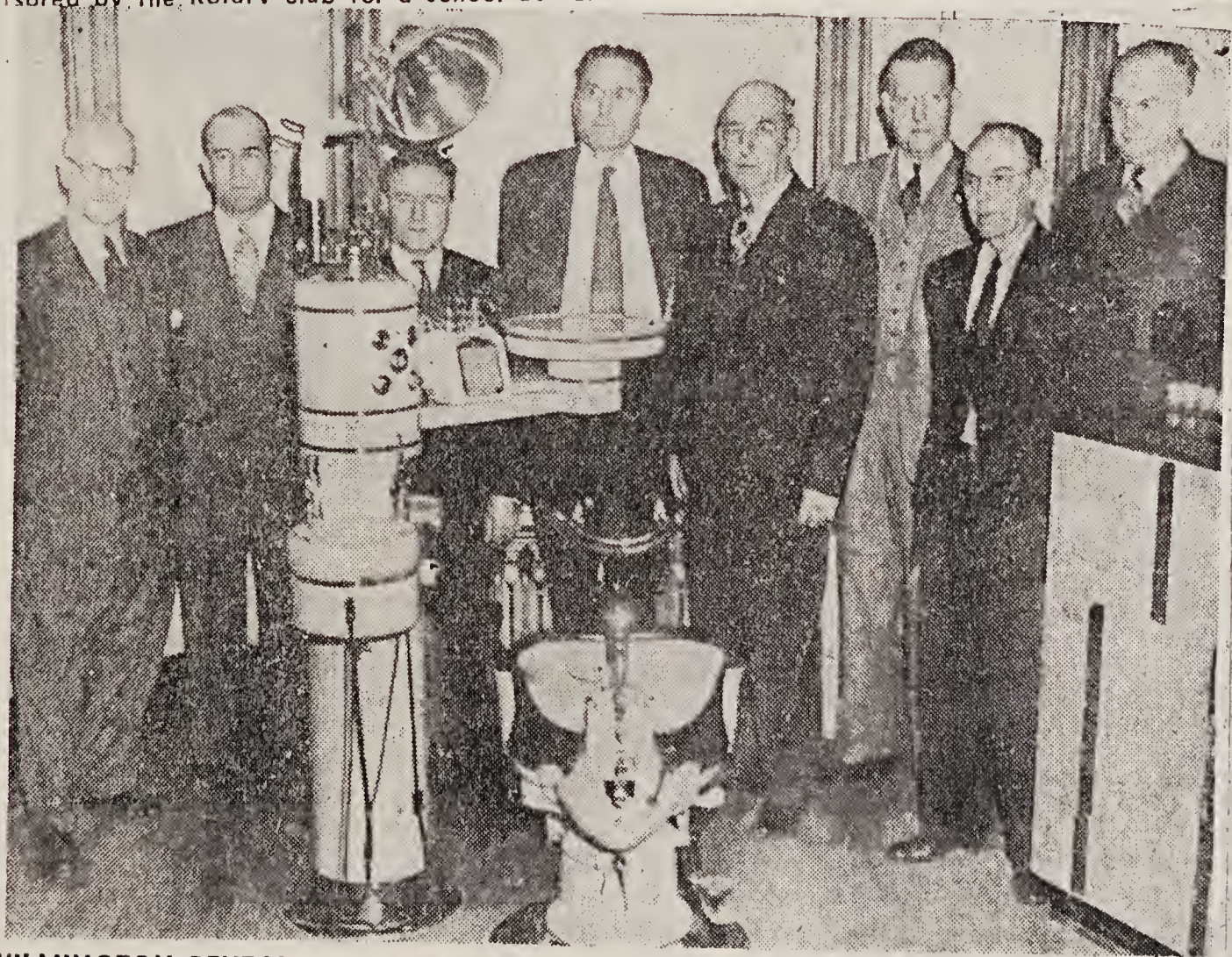


WILMINGTON LABOR DAY PARADE—Members of the Old Home day committee are shown as they marched in the Labor day parade which was part of the three-day celebration, sponsored by the Rotary club for a school dental clinic.



WILMINGTON DENTAL CLINIC DEDICATED—Above are the officers of the Wilmington Rotary club which presented to the people of Wilmington the children's dental clinic during the dedication ceremonies held at the Roman house. Left to right: Guy E. Nichols, Varnel Conway, John J. Nitchie, school committeemen; Henry Potter, Earl A. Sylvester, committee chairman; Dr. Ernest MacDougall, president; Andrean Durkee, and Joseph McMahon.

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ASA SHELDON MOVED TOP OF PEMBERTON HILL WITH PLODDING OXEN IN CONTRACT TIME,

How Shrewd Wilmington Farmer Carted Four Acres of Gravel to Site of Present North Station---Interesting Chapter in Hub History---Confounded Critics with His Yankee Teamsters and Irish Shovellers

HOW PEMBERTON HILL DISAPPEARED FROM HUB

It was shovelled in 1835 into ox carts by "190 Irish men."

It was dragged by 126 oxen, who were driven by "60 Yankees," from the head of Court street to Causeway street and dumped into salt water.

To do this took five months, which in that day was speedy operation, for the hill was large.

It towered 65 feet, 10 inches, above the present level of Pemberton sq.

It covered nearly four acres, and when removed filled eight acres 15 feet deep in the water. Gravel from it was estimated at more than 100,000 yards.

Doing the job netted "Farmer" Sheldon of Wilmington and his backer $2700 instead of the $19,000 they had expected. Prices had risen.

As soon as the hill was moved the plateau thus formed was auctioned off in house lots as an exclusive residential development.

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WANTED — Twenty yoke of the best working oxen, at Pemberton Hill, Boston, for which a fair price will be paid in cash. None but those that can travel on pavements need be offered.

By ALBERT D. BARKER

The above advertisement, published today, might appeal in vain, but in 1835 it brought a prompt response, for the farmers of Cambridge, Brookline and other rural communities had finished their heavy spring work, and their "cattle" were idle.

The 20-yoke were added to others already bought, making 126 oxen in all, which, with "60 Yankees and 190 Irishmen," proceeded to carry Pemberton hill to Causeway street, and dump it into salt water. And so was removed another bump in Boston's rolling contour—of which few of the present generation ever heard.

"Pemberton hill? Where was it?" they ask. A truthful answer is confusing. On it now stand the North station and the Court House—the one on the gravel from the hill, the other on the little plateau down to which the hill was cut.

How it was done—and why—make up a little-remembered chapter in the history of Boston-town, nearly a century ago, when a hill, instead of a massive granite building, reared itself 65 feet in the air above the present pavement level of Pemberton square.

Removing it was the task of an early contractor who then, and thereafter, styled himself simply "a Wilmington farmer," but confounded his smart critics in the city by doing with plodding oxen what had been considered impossible by any means.

Boston Streets Crooked Because of Old Hills

The almost epic story of moving Pemberton hill came to the attention of the writer when discussing with Capt. William B. Clarke, custodian of the Bostonian Society, his recently announced theory that Boston's streets grew up crooked not because Boston's cows blazed the trails, but because of the hills, big and little, that made it easier for the wayfarer to go around rather than over.

"The "cowpath" streets of Boston have been a stock jest for generations, but the jest, in the hands of some serious commentators, has been taken at full value (though apparently Emerson saw some humor in it). With the aid of rare maps, in the collection at the old State House, Capt. Clarke pointed out a number of hills of Boston which are either not with us today or have been rubbed down by urban attrition to mere skeletons of their former corpulence.

There was. Fort hill, now gone. There was Pemberton, now only a short grade up which the portly lawyer toils to court. There was the real Beacon hill, long since removed to let the sun shine on Derne street and the State House thrust forth an annex. And there was West hill, gone these many days (probably into the Charles) and long since relieved of the stigma of its original name which had a biblical vigor scarcely attuned to the squeamish ear of today.

Such was Boston, a hilly town and almost an island, in the days when Beach street was really on a beach, when waves at high tide broke across the road to Roxbury (lower Washington street), and washed into the vast mud flats, bare at low tide, which were to become, when filled in, the site of the city's fashionable homes. From the ancient maps, in custody of Capt. Clarke, and even from the most distorted of the old prints "of the great towne of Boston," can be seen how the hills turned the course of the streets, a thankless task in which they were aided and abetted by the old shore lines at various stages of the city's expansion onto the reclaimed marshes and shallows.

Cows? They may not have done the surveying, but they kept the Common (the western end of which was one of the old shorelines), well mowed at no cost—which is passed on to the park department and Homer Loring as an economy hint.

'WILMINGTON FARMER'S' ACCOUNT

Concerning the removal of one of these hills which got in the way of the streets, it happens we have pretty full particulars, only because the man in charge, Asa G. Sheldon, "Wilmington Farmer," wrote the story of his life in the Sunday school manner of the day and had it published in 1862 by E. T. Moody, printer of Waltham. His quaint book, a gold mine for those who would reconstruct the frugal days of yore, is so rare that Capt. Clarke, though for 50 years a bookseller, never handled a copy other than the one in the library of the Bostonian Society.

From this book, recently discovered, it is learned that Sheldon, after the hard but usefully varied training of Massachusetts farming, had developed into a man uncommonly handy in teaming operations and in the moving and placing of heavy stone. He worked long for the Boston & Lowell railroad, then building, and earned in addition to wages a life pass of which he was proud.

In 1835, it seems, Patrick T. Jackson, "agent" of the railroad, asked him to come to Boston, take a look at Pemberton hill and tell him how much it would cost "to move (it) into salt water, north side of Causeway street," Causeway street having already been built nearly on the line of the long dam that once enclosed the mill pond, of which the North end of today gives no hint. Sheldon made his survey, as follows:

"After probing the hill in several places and walking over the ground as fast as an ox team would walk, to ascertain how many times they could go in a day, the result of my investigation was that it could be done for 25 cents per yard."

It then appeared that Jackson was agent for a company that expected and later did buy the hill to level it off and lay it out into choice house lots—about where now stand the City Club, police headquarters, Barristers' Hall, the Pemberton building and other large structures.

LAUGHED AT HIS PROPOSAL

Sheldon proposed to do the job, in six months, with oxen, and was laughed at. He explained: "The job is short and when done the oxen can be driven to Brighton and sold at a fair price, while the horses will eat out half their bodies before we could make a sale of them. . . . It does not cost so much to harness 12 oxen as it does one horse."

In like manner, the shrewd farmer-contractor is seen "figuring the percentage" all the way. But he was nearly beaten at the start because he had no money and could not arrange to receive any payment until he had expended $10,000 in equipment and labor. So he struck a bargain with Charles Carter of Woburn, to do the financing. But Carter thereupon insisted on having all rights to the profit, setting the figure at 28 cents a yard, and hiring Sheldon to boss the job. Jackson, not liking the price, then intervened, relegated Carter to Woburn and himself financed Sheldon on an agreement to halve the profits.

Meanwhile, between 7 and 8 A. M., May 5, 1835, the first shovelful had been turned over. The last shovelful left Pemberton "green" between 7 and 8 A. M. Oct. 5.

The task that Sheldon faced is best described by himself:

"The whole area, including streets adjoining, was upwards of four acres, and it made, in the water, eight acres, 14 feet deep. Depth of hill, from the highest point, was 65 feet, 10 inches. This was the point where Gardner Green's greenhouse stood.

TREE MOVED TO COMMON

"Six dwelling houses and other outbuildings, besides immense shrubbery, together with several English elms that were carried to the navy yard, were sold from the ground. One gingo (sic) tree, an exotic, and I expect the only tree of its kind in this country, I was offered $300 to move and warrant to live one year. I thought at that time that it contained about two feet of cordwood, and it being in the month of June, I dared not undertake it. However, it was moved, and now stands on the Common, near the State House, and is thriving."

Those who step off Beacon street through the Joy street gate of the Common will have little difficulty in finding close at hand the ginkgo tree (Chinese maidenhair), which is believed to be the one mentioned. Despite severe pruning which has been found necessary it is still thrifty and contains much more than the quarter of a cord of firewood which the farmer's appraising eye saw in it some 90 years ago.

The buildings on the hill, Sheldon recorded, had been the homes of Gardner Green, Dr. Lloyd and Gov. Phillips, but "two other beautiful brick buildings on Somerset street (were) sold and torn down, whose owners I never knew."

How the Wilmington farmer went about the job is interesting and not unremindful of modern contracting methods. He bid off Dr. Lloyd's house at auction and the next morning "60 Yankee men took breakfast in it," continuing to board there throughout. Obviously those were the days when the empire-building shovel, instead of the effete shoe shine parlor, was the emblem of immigration. "For shovelling," wrote Sheldon, "we employed Irishmen wholly, they boarding themselves."

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Nor was Boston lily white; it was not lacking in court hangers-on. Sheldon relates that while at a bar of the old Market Hotel in Brighton, he felt a hand in his pocket, seized the thief, with the aid of "the barkeep, Wardsworth," who made a flying leap over the counter in approved style, and had him arrested. Sheldon continued: "For three successive weeks Peter W. Ray, keeper of a hotel in Boston, came to Brighton on market days to confer with me. He urged me to say what I would take and not appear before the grand jury." Sheldon refused, very selfrighteously, but the "well-dressed robber, with rings on his fingers," got a bondsman for $400 and left these parts.

OTHER JOBS TO HIS CREDIT

Digging away Pemberton hill did not end the work of the "Wilmington farmer" in and around Boston. His ox teams were ferried to East Boston, where they built five miles of streets. Returning in the spring, he dug the cellars of the "development" on what was left of Pemberton hill, receiving $3834.25 for two months' work and adding still more to the fill north of Causeway street. It was presumably upon this same land that he took charge at $5 a day of the building of Lowell, Nashua, Haverhill, Andover and Billerica streets—grading most of them over what, when he arrived in Boston a year before, had been 14 feet of salt water in the lower reaches of the Charles.

Thence the "Wilmington farmer" turned his attention to stone work on various railroads, not alone for Agent Jackson, but for "Agents" Charles S. Storrow, Waldo Higginson and William Parker. And even in this work he accomplished seeming marvels, such as the moving by oxen of five-ton granite blocks over the ground by sliding them on rye straw.

A very different Boston it was in those days and, indeed, a very different Massachusetts. The contour of Pemberton hill is no longer seen; the Wilmington farmer with his oxen attended to that and gave Boston a new shore line. Neither, by the same token, is seen much of the hard-bitten ruggedness of the days when much was done with little and men expected to work at the cost of sore muscles.

Says Asa G. Sheldon, Wilmington farmer, after speaking of "startling" innovations which he made: "John Sweetser, an extensive butcher, was ahead of me in one respect.....he used a cushion on his cart seat before I did. This was the first one I had ever seen used. It was very much sneered at by the Salem butchers, for in that day comfort did not enter into the reckoning."

Comfort, indeed! Today we who walk up what Asa left of Pemberton Hill even wear cushions on our shoes.

SLEPT IN BARNS ON HAY

The Yankee teamsters, until the establishment of the boarding house, had eaten at "victualling cellars, Sawyer's cellar on Charlestown square, Campbell's on North Market street, and slept in barns on the hay."

The contractor hired cooks, and two blacksmiths who did nothing but shoe oxen. But he did not get by without labor trouble. Success, he determined, depended upon the teamsters, working for $20 a month. So he resorted to a trick not unknown today. He hired one man whose chief duty was that of a "reporter," or informer, who he exultantly declared was never suspected by the men. The "reporter" earned his keep, for he tipped Sheldon that when the men received their June pay they planned to leave en masse and hie them to the more pleasant labor of the hay field. Sheldon countered by offering $26 for July and holding back $5 of the June pay to be given to the teamsters on completion of the job.

This ended all such trouble, except when "one David Golden," a sub-contractor of labor, whip-sawed a gang of shovellers he had supplied by taking from Sheldon $823, appointing a pay day, and then disappearing.

A minor difficulty was that the endless procession of ox carts moving Pemberton Hill raised an insufferable dust, and Sheldon was assessed $1.50 a day toward the sprinkling of the streets. His real setback, however, came at the close when the engineers of the company, instead of measuring the earth removed at about 200,000 yards, and furnishing an expected profit of $19,000, set the figure at 100,018 yards—profit minus—which moved Jackson to declare, "A fool on a trotting horse would guess nearer than this." So they hired another engineer, George M. Dexter, who estimated the fill north of Causeway street and got them a settlement for $2700 profit, which Sheldon and Jackson shared.

AUCTION SALE OF LAND

Meanwhile the company, which paid for the removal of the hill, rushed the sale of the land to the extent of holding an auction the day after the last earth was removed. It was a "restricted" sale of regularly marked off lots with walks and streets and a "common" in the centre, and the top price was $7 a foot.

The reason for the haste was made apparent by Sheldon in the following explanation of why he had not made more money in the excavating operations:

"A great change in prices current was experienced. The Eastern Land Speculation had turned to a 'consuming fire,' that seared and scorched speculating men. The scant crops of hay and grain raised their prices. For the first load of hay I paid 63 cents per hundred; the last $1.25. For the first meal, 83 cents a bushel; the last $1.40. For the first shovellers, 83 cents a day; the last, $1.17."

Apparently "the good old days" were no more gifted with the boon of stability than ours. Not even the weather "stuid put." Sheldon slyly commented. In 1862, that he was continually hearing people say the weather became more changeable each year—how familiar that sounds!—and then told of a January day, early in the 19th century, when he suffered from the heat on the roads of Essex county. But the next day was so cruelly cold that travellers perished between inns.

Putting through this job, a [illegible] dous one for the day, did not fail to yield some events, fully set forth by Sheldon. One was the hanging of Bernardo de Soto and four other Spanish pirates, from a captured crew brought into Boston. The "Wilmington Farmer" indulges in some pious observations on what we now fear called "legal murder," and ends: "No, the world is not good enough to do away with capital punishment yet."

GALLOWS ON PEMBERTON HILL

But Sheldon had a special interest in the sensational hanging, which made a holiday for the good people of old Boston. "No teaming work could be done on such days as this." The United States marshal picked on Pemberton Hill as the best place to erect the gallows, and when Boston thronged to the spot, the best "reserved seats" were on top of Sheldon's largest temporary ox barn. He stationed men on the roof with pitchforks to keep the crowd off. But "rowdies and ill-bred boys pressed so hard upon the men on top, and beginning to throw stones, that they shouted to the teamsters below to turn out the oxen." The 60 oxen safely outside, the expected happened. The roof gave way under the weight of the crowd, and, as Sheldon noted in a served-him-right spirit, one man broke his arm.

Sheldon was immediately hired to take the executed pirates, together with the body of a laborer killed on the railroad, to "the Catholic burying ground at Charlestown." He adds: "The oxen, passive before, expressed fear as soon as the bodies were put in, and could be restrained from running only by two men going before them with clubs."

The most entertaining part of this episode followed. Sheldon presented the next day the following bill: "U. S. Marshal, Dr., to A. G. Sheldon: To damage to barn, $50." The marshal said curtly, "I can pay no such bill." Whereupon Sheldon wrote: "U. S. Marshal, Dr., to A. G. Sheldon: To use of land to hang five pirates, and damages sustained thereby, $75." He got his money.

Sheldon did not fail to note some natural and artificial curiosities in the great mound of gravel he dug away. He recorded that the well of the Lloyd mansion, on the lowest level of all, though 30 feet deep, was dry. Yet the well of the Green mansion, above it, had an inexhaustible supply. The water level was 35 feet above the foot of the excavation, with the result that as the work progressed the water gushed forth and ran in a stream down to Hanover street, where the teamsters watered their oxen. "Opposite the head of Court street" they uncovered a buried well 30 feet deep, where the water ran in 15 feet from the top and out again at the bottom.

He also revealed a freak in the ground which must have been dug away when the court house was later built. The hill was pure gravel, but "in the centre of the green enclosed in the square (Pemberton)" they broke into a pocket of marsh mud 15 feet deep. "This must have been done," he hazarded, "by some convulsion of nature."

And now for the artificial curiosities: At the Phillips place they found "an iron door in the cellar, that led to an arch about 12 feet wide on the base, 50 feet long and 9 feet high . . . room for 16 large oxen. . . . Arch of brick 16 inches in thickness, so firmly cemented that much labor was required to prepare it for loading into our carts."

About this he had a theory, too: "It occurs to my mind that rich men do not always comply with the letter of the law, especially when they have a convenie[illegible] place in which to secrete [illegible] in the [illegible]k, however, had [illegible] hotel in B[illegible] as a pencilled notation shows: "Peter Faneuil's House, wine cellar."

Another cellar yielded, also through an iron door, a tomb with 15 coffins and "beautiful flowers" growing in the garden overhead. This disturbed Sheldon mightily, so that he was moved to say "It is quite ungenial to the feelings of the writer to have dear, departed friends lying under a dwelling house. The most proper place to lay the dead is in the common burying ground."

LISTENS IN DISGUISE

Sheldon's pride in his sense of the practical and in his resourcefulness is apparent all through. With glee he tells of boarding the first week at Glasier's Tavern, wearing his teamster's blue and white frock" and "hearing at the table"—thus disguised—"many curious observations on the moving of Pemberton Hill with oxen.

"One said," he wrote, "These oxen will have their tongues out as long as your arm, and in three weeks he won't be able to get them through the streets Another said: "Six months! He's a fool. He can't do it in three years." Yet the "Wilmington farmer" with his plodding cattle "turned the trick" in five months.

The reason is not far to seek. His practical mind had a busy, inquiring bent. He had figured, by walking, that the oxen could make 12 trips, hauling seven tons each trip, a day. Actually his oxen averaged 14 trips. In order to start the job he had to buy up second-hand carts from farmers, but carts meanwhile were being made for him. It is revealed that this "Wilmington farmer"—who, by the way, claims to have been the first to use iron axle trees on ox carts, the first to devise springs for wagons and to have been the originator of the practice of piling split wood bark side up to prevent rot—was thinking along the identical lines which in recent years contractors have followed to expedite the moving of excavated material. He also discovered "the long wheel base" three-quarters of a century before it dawned on the automobile maker. Witness:

"We found from experience that long and narrow wagons run the best. What may be called sloven bodies were used with a side-board so fixed that it could be quickly started with two iron bars, and the entire load slide off in about a minute."

AHEAD OF HIS TIME

If you have any doubt that this old-fashioned "Wilmington Farmer" was in advance of his time, look over the wagon fleet of a modern contractor. The steel bodies may not be "sloven," but they are long and narrow and self-dumping. The reason is the same as that which moved Sheldon's inventiveness—the saving of time and of the labor of an extra man with each team.

Sheldon furnished innumerable side-lights on the times. It seemed that he was chided by Agent Jackson for not dressing as well as his teamsters. He retorted, "There is one consolation. I know who is able to give me a suit of clothes."

"How much will a suit cost you?" asked Jackson. "About $50," was the answer.

The check was forthcoming and a tailor went to work on the suit, the price of which may astonish some who tell their clothiers about "the good old days." It would have been interesting, however, if Sheldon had told how long "he made it go"—whether 15 months or 15 years.

WILMINGTON

Organizations That Represent the Social Life of the Town.

THEIR PROMINENT MEMBERS.

Women Have a Club Affiliated With the State Federation — Recently Organized Grange Flourishing.

For a small township, Wilmington supports a number of organizations, the most prominent among them being Friendship lodge, A. F. and A. M. This lodge was instituted Sept. 18, 1901, starting with a membership of 30, has now increased to between 90 and 100. It has sufficiently prospered to purchase a building, formerly owned by Mrs. Frances B. Hitter and converted it into two very desirable halls. The upper one, with furnishings in admirable taste, is for the exclusive use of the order, with adjacent side rooms for paraphernalia. The lower hall, with its well equipped cuisine, for the serving of suppers and banquets, is for rental for dances, fairs or any entertainment for which these appointments can be utilized.

The present officers are: Worshipful master, Caleb S. Harriman; senior warden, Edward N. Eames; junior warden, George L. Perry; treasurer, John T. Wild; secretary, George C. Hill; chaplain, G. Herbert Chapman; marshal, J. Arthur Taylor; senior deacon, Joseph W. Kellisor; junior deacon, Linwood H. Smith; senior steward, Robert H. Gowing; junior steward, Charles L. Dodge; inside sentinel, William H. Putnam; tyler, George H. Hart.

Next in order of prosperity stands the Acacia chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, which was organized in 1901. It began with a small membership and has increased to 75. The meetings are held in Masonic hall twice a month and much interest is manifested in the work of the organization.

The officers are: Worthy matron, Helen H. Buck; worthy patron, William L. Kelley; assistant matron, Hannah M. Doak; secretary, E. Taylor; treasurer, Mary A. Gowing; conductress, A. Eliza Putnam; assistant conductress, Mattie E. Eames; chaplain, C. Addie Carter; marshal, Emma Cora P. Clater; Martha, Lelia E. Hill; Ruth, Georgianna E. Melzar; Esther, Cora P. Clater; Martha Lelia E. Hill; Electa, M. Leomteine Buck; warden, Annie B. Carter; sentinel, Charles E. Carter; pianist, Alice R. Cutter.

As regards age and efficiency the Ladies Benevolent Society has a record of 50 years' service, the celebration of its birth anniversary occurring on May 27 of this present year. This society has raised a large amount of money during its existence as an auxiliary of the church and is still a working force in the community. Those holding office are:

President, Nettie Bloomfield; vice president, Ella L. Holt; recording secretary, Emily M. Folkins; treasurer, Lois R. Carter; corresponding secretary, Maria W. Carter.

The Women's Club has been in evidence since 1901 and the following year it joined the State Federation. The club was organized by Sophia F. H. Bond, a woman well versed in parliamentary law and club organization. She served two years as its first president. It has not had the mushroom growth of the other societies, possibly owing to interest previously developed along other lines, and it may be in part due to a lack of literary inclination among the women of this community. Last year it had a membership of 23 ladies, but an increased attendance is anticipated for the coming winter. Its calendar has presented many topics of interest and all has been accomplished that could be expected of so limited a number during the six years that it has been operative.

The officers for 1907-'08 are:

President, Maria W. Carter; vice president, Barbara E. Carter; recording secretary, Anna M. Thompson; treasurer, Nettie E. Waite; corresponding secretary, Mary F. Moore; auditor, Mary J. Buck.

The grange started this spring with 30 members and is constantly increasing. The officers are:

Master, Aldice Eames; overseer, Charles Osborn; steward, Howard Morse; assistant steward, Chas. Perry; lady assistant steward, Hattie Swain; gate-keeper, Arthur B. Eames; chaplain, Dr. George Dodge; lecturer, Francene B. Morse; treasurer, William Shattuck; secretary, Guy Nichols; pomona, Mrs. Charles Livingston; ceres, Annie M. Nicholson; flora, Anna M. Thompson.

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Soldiers' Monument Unveiled for Sons of the Town.

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Veterans Decorate Graves, and Then Surround the Granite Slab and Listen to an Address by Henry Martin Eames—Fund Was Started in High School.

Recollections of the great civil war were refreshed in Wilmington yesterday as the town participated in a dual ceremony commemorative of those who gave their lives to their country. The first of these exercises was the placing of flowers upon the graves in Wildwood cemetery, by G. A. R. post 194 of Reading, Commander Krook, with the Boston & Maine railroad department Y. M. C. A. band participating.

The second was the unveiling of a rough-hewn granite slab, the town's tribute to the memory of her sons who paid the extreme sacrifice of loyalty. As the veterans returned from the graves they were drawn up in company front before the flag-draped monument, and after a short historical address by Henry Martin Eames of Woburn the cenotaph was turned over to James E. Kelley, chairman of the selectmen, on behalf of the town. A charm of sentiment was added by a chorus from the high school singing a patriotic selection.

After the exercises at the cemetery the Rev. W. M. Nelson of the Methodist denomination delivered a memorial address in the Congregational church.

Forty years ago the pupils of the Wilmington high school gave an entertainment that netted a considerable surplus. It was suggested that the money be made the nucleus of a fund for a monument to the sons of Wilmington who had died in the civil war. The fund was placed in the hands of Mr. Eames and with interest finally reached $300, which was deemed sufficient, and this is the history of Wilmington's soldier monument.

The slab is decorated with crossed muskets surrounded by a wreath of holly and below is the following inscription:

1861. In Memoriam. 1865.
To the men of Wilmington
Who died that the nation might live.
Erected 1902 by the
Wilmington ex-High School Association of 1863.

The following are the living members of this association:

The Rev. J. H. Nichols, Derry, N. H.; H. M. Eames, Woburn; Horace E. Eames, Reading; Mrs. Juliet Gowing, Wakefield; Miss Sarah Brigham, Lowell; Mrs. Mary E. Chase, Lynn; Mrs. Emma Caswell, Wilmington; Mrs. Mary C. Eldredge, Roslindale; Miss Emma Brigham, Lowell; Mrs. Levi White, Mrs. Horace Eames, Mrs. H. M. Eames, Mrs. Horace Gowing, Daniel Eldredge.

All of the exercises were carried out by the Rev. Walter H. Rollins and S. Warren Taylor. The ladies of the town gave a dinner to the visiting grand army post, served under the direction of Mrs. Charles Gowing. Francis A. Hamlin directed the youthful choristers at the dedicatory services.

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FRIENDSHIP LODGE

CONSTITUTED AT WILMINGTON TUESDAY EVENING BY THE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE MASONIC FRATERNITY.

It is so rarely that a Masonic lodge is constituted that a great deal of interest attaches to the event throughout the fraternity.

The constitution of Friendship Lodge, F. & A. M., of Wilmington, Tuesday evening, was the first in the state in a period of three years. It was attended with beauty and solemnity, and the officers and members of the new lodge bore themselves in a manner which brought them a goodly share of the compliments and congratulations expressed by visiting brethren from Woburn, Reading, Billerica, and other lodges.

Most Worshipful Charles F. Gallagher, Grand Master of Massachusetts, assisted by a suite composed with a single exception of all the Grand Officers, conducted the ceremonies in the attractive Masonic apartments. On the suite of the Grand Master were R. W. Charles M. Greene, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Dana J. Flanders, Senior Grand Warden; R. W. Wm. B. Lawrence, Junior Grand Warden; R. W. Thomas W. Davis, Past Grand Warden; R. W. Wm. H. H. Soule, Past Grand Warden; R. W. Geo. W. Stover, Past Grand Warden; R. W. Harry J. Mills, Past Grand Warden; R. W. Joseph H. Gleason, Past Grand Warden; R. W. Chas. H. Ramsay, Grand Treas.; R. W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Recording Grand Sec'y; R. W. Chas. H. Soule, D. D. G. M. District No. 6; W. Rev. Charles A. Skinner, Grand Chaplain; W. Frank W. Mead, Grand Marshal: W. William White, Sen. Grand Deacon; W. Otis H. Marion, Jun. Grand Deacon; W. Walter S. Parker, Sen. Grand Steward; Bro. George W. Chester, Grand Tyler. The foregoing list comprises Masons of the highest note in the state.

The sentiment and impressiveness of the work was brought out by the excellent rendition of musical numbers by the Elmwood Male Quartet of Boston.

After Friendship Lodge had been duly constituted the Grand Officers proceeded to instal the officers of the new Lodge, as follows:

W. M.—George Clark Hill.
S. W.—Wm. Lawrence Kelley.
J. W.—Caleb Samuel Harriman.
Chaplain—Rev. Walter Huntington Rollins.
Marshal—John Arthur Taylor.
Treas.—John Tufts Wild.
Sec'y—John Winslow Hathaway.
S. D.—Edward Nelson Eames.
J. D.—George Lewis Perry.
S. S.—Almon Caleb Thompson.
J. S.—Harry Melvin Taylor.
I. S.—Wm. Henry Putnam.
Tyler—George Allison Hart.

The close of the installation was marked with a speech by the Grand Master in which he assured the members of Friendship Lodge that from observations of the evening he was convinced that no mistake had been made in granting the new charter. He said that he anticipated a splendid future for the Lodge. Worshipful Master George C. Hill feelingly thanked the Grand Master and his suite for their presence and assistance.

At the close of the lodge, the assembled company, with the exception of most of the Grand Officers, who were compelled to leave for home, repaired to Ames' Hall, for refreshment. Caterer Myers of Reading furnished a delectable repast. Worshipful Master Hill called upon the following gentlemen for speeches: R. W. Charles H. Soule, District Deputy Grand Master District No. 6; W. Walter S. Parker, Senior Grand Steward; R. W. Joseph H. Gleason, Past Grand Warden; R. W. Harry J. Mills, Past Grand Warden; Past Master Sexton, and the present master of the Billerica Lodge. Junior Warden Caleb S. Harriman recited a poem and Treas. John Tufts Wild rendered a vocal selection. The Doucette family orchestra rendered selections during the banquet hour.

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Historical Sketch of Wilmington Grange, No. 268, P. of H.

In this busy town of ours only a few of us can stop long enough to look back 18 years and think of things that happened then. One which I recall best of all is the forming of Wilmington Grange. It was a cold, raw night in March, 1907, that Bro. George Crosby of Tewksbury called a few people who were interested in forming a Grange in our town to the Town hall. The matter was carefully talked over and everybody was full of enthusiasm, especially Chas. Osbon and Dr. Dodge who promised the required number for the charter at the next meeting. March 29, the night of the next meeting, came and a charter list of 33 members was present. The officers were elected, with Bro. Aldice G. Eames as the first master. Friends from Tewksbury and Andover installed us and gave us our first lessons in Grange rules. In the early summer months a class of new members joined us, and with the aid of the ladies' degree team of Tewksbury, who put on the degrees for us, everything went off in fine shape, even the sandwiches and coffee.

Our second election of officers was just a reelection of the old officers for another year's busy work. Our first lawn party and our first annual fair kept us all busy until election time again.

Bro. Osbon was our second master for two years of interesting work in a growing Grange. The annual fair of 1909 was bigger and better, and the Town hall was found to be too small for these events

A new Grange hall was now all that was talked about, and soon a building committee was appointed and started on the big task.

At the installation of officers in January, 1910, Wilmington Grange extended an invitation to State Master Charles M. Gardner to officiate. His work was so pleasing that Bro. Gardner has installed every master this Grange has had since.

The election of 1911 sent Bro. Perry to the master's chair for two years of important work in our Grange life. In the spring, before the frost was out of the ground, hard working brothers were digging the cellar for our new hall near Nichols corner. The work progressed so rapidly that we were able to hold our first social event in the new hall in August, in the form of a lawn party, using nail kegs for chairs and dancing on the rough floor. The hall was now nearing completion and the dedication of our new home was the next event of interest. At last the night came, and on October 9, 1911, Wilmington Grange met in the Town hall, formed a line and marched to the new hall. State Master Gardner dedicated the new hall in full form and turned the keys over to Worthy Master Perry, after which a social time was enjoyed by all. On Oct. 12 our fourth annual fair was held with great success and a goodly sum was added to the building fund. Many of our members will remember the neighborly visits of friends from Andover, and also Bro. Wallace Davis of North Reading, who gave us many words of counsel and good stories, and also had the honor of giving the first $5 for a hall fund.

Election time comes again and Bro. Kinsman takes the master's chair. The Wilmington ladies' degree team now begins to play an important part in our meetings. Dramatic entertainments also added much to the social activities of the Grange. The next master was our Old Reliable, Bro. Osbon, again, for one year. Under his care the men's degree team was formed with Bro. E. W. Eames its master. The team's good work under Bro. Eames showed his ability, and he was made our next master for two years. Bro. George Neilson, our next master, was making a fine start in the work when Uncle Sam called him to fight in the great World war. Bro. Ernest Currier next took the master's chair, and while our young men were over seas the older members kept the home fires burning in Wilmington Grange.

The next election called Bro. Leon Call to the master's chair, and now that the war was over Grange work started off with new pep—annual lawn parties, neighbors' nights, and last but not least, sleigh rides, were enjoyed by all.

Bro. Otto Bischoff, our next master, had things well started, in his second term, for a large spring class of candidates, when much to our sorrow on Thursday, April 12, 1923, fire signal 61 was sounded and the whole town rushed to Grange hall to see it in flames. The fire departments of Wilmington, Reading and Woburn worked hard, and with the aid of many other willing hands saved the side walls and all the furniture. The ruins were cleared away on April 19 by Grange members and friends, and the carpenters were soon at work on the new roof The work was completed in a short time and on Oct. 12, just six months after the fire, the Grange met in a far better hall than before. In that month our fifteenth annual fair was held with great success. Winter dances and movies in the hall were once more weekly events The most eventful year of our history drew to a close. Bro. Wm. T. Henderson was chosen master for 1924, reelected for 1925, and is now guiding the Grange on its path of success.

Perhaps it is boasting a little, but we think that this good home of ours is a great benefit to our town as well as to the Grange We wish to thank the townspeople for their aid in sustaining this home, attending these annual fairs and giving them hearty support.

A Charter Member

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THE HISTORY OF WILMINGTON GRANGE

The Wilmington Grange was started in March, 1907, by George Crosby of Tewksbury. The first meetings were held in the Town Hall. Aldice G. Eames was elected as the first master. In the first year of the existence of the Wilmington Grange, it held its first fair which has been an annual event ever since. The annual fair held in 1909 proved that the Town Hall was too small to accommodate the rapidly growing organization. Plans for the building of a Grange hall were made, a building committee appointed, and the work started. In the early spring of 1911 the cellar was dug for the new hall which was to be on Wildwood street, near Nichols Corner.

The formal opening of the Wilmington Grange Hall was on October 9, 1911. State Master Gardner dedicated the new hall in full form.

The next outstanding event in the history of the Grange was in April, 1923, when the hall was damaged by fire. Through the excellent work of the local fire departments most of the hall was saved. Carpenters were hired to rebuild the damaged sections and the work was started immediately. The work was completed very rapidly and it was possible to hold the annual fair on October 12.

Mr. Osbon, Mr. Perry, Mr. Kinsman, Mr. E. W. Eames, George Neilson, Ernest Carrier, Leon Call and Otto Bishoff have served as masters of the Grange. Mr. William T. Henderson is now officiating in the master's chair.

The Grange has always contributed much toward entertaining Wilmington. The plays, dances, fairs and entertainments that the organization has run have been a constant source of pleasure to the people of Wilmington. The Grange Hall is the center of Wilmington's social activities around which all amusements revolve.

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Wilmington Grange Hall Damaged by Fire

On Thursday afternoon about 2.30 o'clock Grange hall caught fire from a grass blaze and was badly damaged. The firemen responded promptly and help was asked of Woburn and Reading which was soon on the scene.

The fire crept rapidly up the west side of the building and worked into the roof. Here it spread, and in a short time the roof fell.

The walls and floors seem to be intact, but an entire new roof will be required.

Nearly all the contents of the building were saved by volunteer helpers and Grange members. Especial mention is made of the good work done by the High and Grammar school boys.

There was an insurance of $4400 on the building. The damage will amount to about the same figure.

The hall was erected in 1911 and dedicated in October of that year. By years of earnest effort on the part of Grange members it was nearly paid for.

At the time the roof fell in J. J. O'Leary sustained a bad sprain of an arm and shoulder by a fall from a stairway.

The fire occurred nearly on the 20th anniversary of the fire which destroyed several buildings in Wilmington Square—April 13, 1903.

All dates for events in Grange hall are cancelled until further notice.

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WILMINGTON GRANGE

A HISTORY

(By Aldice G. Eames)

Grange influence had been at work some years upon the Wilmington community some time before any tangible probability appeared that there ever would be a grange in Wilmington. On March meeting day, 1907, Brother George F. Crosby, State Deputy and Organizer, appearing among the voters of Wilmington, took advantage of the assemblage to repeat his urging, begun in previous years, that they organize a grange and apply to the State Grange for a charter.

The time, apparently, being ripe, some of the townspeople came forward and promised to become charter members of such an organization. Encouraged by the example, others followed. All, however, did not share the enthusiasm of Mr. Crosby, State Master C D. Richardson, and the members of neighboring Granges who came to the town hall to the preliminary meetings to encourage us in taking up the new responsibilities.

Finally, on March 23, 1907, 29 persons having signified their intention of joining in the movement, they met Mr. Crosby at the town hall and effected an organization, electing the requisite officers.

On April 13 the officers of Tewksbury Grange, attended by a good-sized deputation from that body, visited Wilmington and in a most able manner installed our officers and gave them an insight into their duties.

There the serious work began for the officers and members of Wilmington Grange. The financial burden was not a light one, but before long applications for membership came, few at first, and the charter members felt encouraged. Among the public affairs held under the grange auspices the first year, were a lawn party and a fair, which were extensively patronized and not only helped swell the grange exchequer, but gave the organization the reputation of making a success of whatever it undertook. Applications began to come in more freely after this.

Before the State Grange meeting, another election of officers and the consequent installation and an inspection the members of Wilmington Grange became more acquainted with grange work, an acquaintance which was agreeably increased by visits to and from neighboring granges —Andover, North Reading, Tewks

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bury and Billerica. From all these we received fraternal assistance.

Our second summer and autumn saw the lawn party and fair repeated on a more elaborate scale. That fall a large number of our members took a memorable trolley trip to Lowell and became members of Middlesex North Pomona Grange.

When the time for the third election of officers arrived last fall, this grange adopted the principle which is recognized in grange circles generally as a wise one, of promoting those who have served faithfully in the lower chairs. A number who had served two terms in subordinate offices were advanced, and several who had shown themselves willing and adaptable in filling vacant chairs by appointment, were rewarded with elective offices.

Under its present administration Wilmington Grange has flourished in a manner to make its name a synonym for success. At present there are 112 members. During the year 1908 two were laid away and recently two others, sincerely mourned by their brothers and sisters. During the history of the organization the connection of seven other members with the grange has been severed. Thus 123 persons have been connected with the grange since its establishment.

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Officers of New Juvenile Grange Installed at Colorful Ceremonies — Farewell Party for Pupils.

Wilmington, June 16.

Officers of the newly organized Wilmington Juvenile Grange were installed Wednesday evening in Grange hall before a large attendance of Grange members, visitors and friends. Officers were inducted by members of Malden Juvenile Grange, with Miss June Manderson as installing officer.

Officers of the new organization included: Daryl Grant, master; Robert LeMoine, overseer; Barbara Parks, lecturer; Arthur Allgrove, steward; Everett McQuaid, assistant steward; Joan Foster, chaplain; James Durkee, treasurer; Dorothy Cutter, secretary; Henry Cutter, gatekeeper; Amanda Henderson, Pomona; Edith Carlon, Ceres; Marjorie Townsend, Flora; Barbara Johnson, lady assistant steward. The executive committee comprises Ruth Ellis, Donald Gammons and Tom Haynes. Cynthia Richards is pianist; Mrs. Robert H. Wells, matron; Thomas McQuaid, patron; Mrs. Charles J Allgrove jr., first assistant matron, and Mrs. Laura B. Wagner, second assistant matron.

Many Gifts Presented.

Gifts of articles suitable for the working of the new organization were presented following the installation by various organizations and friends, among which were Massachusetts State Grange, who presented the regalia; Ladies of the G. A. R., who presented a flag; Mrs. M. Olive Romain, who presented a Bible; Francis Hynes, who presented the staves and stands. Baskets, fully equipped with fruit, corn and flowers, were presented by the "graces" of Massachusetts State Grange.

A rug was presented by Mrs. Marion Cineotta, ballot box by Mrs. Bessie Marritt of Malden and Mr. and Mrs. William Birmingham of Medford; cloth for altar by Mrs. Peggy Poole; scarfs for tables presented by Mrs. Frank J. Hadley in behalf of Circle of the Grange; gavels by the Massachusetts State Grange; tables presented by Mrs. Ora W. Smith, Mrs. Lauretta Palmer and Mrs. Ella Hemeon in behalf of P. of H. Club of the Grange; red schoolhouse by Thomas McQuaid. Presentation of the flag was made by Mrs. Alice Harwood, department instructor of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Congratulatory Remarks.

Congratulatory remarks were offered by Mrs. Emily Blodgett of West Medford, worthy Ceres of the State Grange; Mrs. Marion Johnson of Chelmsford, worthy Pomona of the State Grange; Edwin B. Smith, organizing deputy of the State Grange; patron of Malden Juvenile Grange and past master of Malden Grange; Leonard Nichols, master of Middlesex-Essex Pomona Grange, who also presented the new organization a gift of money; Arthur F. Thompson, master of Metropolitan Pomona Grange, master of Malden Grange; Mrs. Bessie Merritt, instituting juvenile deputy, matron of Malden Juvenile Grange; Mrs. Charlotte Thompson and Mrs. Clara Cheney, assistant matrons.

Remarks were also offered by Robert Campbell, master of Cambridge Juvenile Grange; Carleton Allen, master of Saugus Juvenile Grange, and by Phyllis Hatch, master of Malden Juvenile Grange. Mrs. Ruth Taylor spoke briefly for the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Program Presented.

Children of the Malden Juvenile Grange also presented an enjoyable program of entertainment. Arthur F. Thompson was the pianist during the installation ceremony, while Mrs. Oscar E. DuBord was the accompanist for the program.

Refreshments were served in the banquet hall by Mrs. Eva Parks, Miss Grace Parks, Miss Martha Lehr and Miss Dorothy Cottam.

The new organization already has a membership of 73 children, and of this number 56 were present at the installation, together with 23 honorary members. Others present included 19 members of Malden Juvenile Grange and 17 honorary members; Cambridge Juvenile Grange, two members and 12 honorary members; Saugus Juvenile Grange, 12 members and four honorary members. Members of subordinate Granges numbered 80; visitors, 44, and children of non-Grangers, six.

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A Brief History Of Wilmington Women's Club

The club was founded by Mrs. Sophia F. H. Bond and held its first meeting in October 1901 with Mrs. Bond as president and a membership of twenty-eight. It was called originally the "Wilmington Woman's Club," but the name was changed later to the Wilmington Vomen's Club. At first, the meetings were held at the homes of the members, every other meeting being at the home of Mrs. Bond who entertained the club delightfully and whose favorite song "Sweet Alice Ben Bolt" was always a part of the program.

From the beginning the club had a constitution and several different committees, and grew gradually in numbers and service.

Article 2. of the Constitution is explanatory:

"The object of this Club shall be to form a recognized center for social and mental culture, and to foster a generous public spirit in the community.

This fine idea has been the guiding star in the club through all these years. Mrs. Caleb S. Harriman was second president and during her term of office had a tablet placed on the great Whitfield elm in North Wilmington where John Whitfield was said to have preached.

Mrs. Helen Buck a charter member while chairman of the Education Committee, instuted a system of banking in the Wilmington schools which operated for some time, during which period some two or three hundred pupils banked three thousand dollars.

When Mrs. S. F. L. Perry was Education Chairman, a cook book was published and the proceeds from its sale were used establish small libraries in the schools. The bookcases were made by Mr Perry

The Public Health Department under chairmanship of Mrs. Herbert C. Barrows is very active, cooperating with the Public Health Nurse Association which was organized club members. The club donates one hundred dollars annually to this organization, the club has always headed the Red Cross drives and at the present time, the Public Health Chairman has charge of the Christmas Seals.

While Mrs. Ellen Perry was Chairman of the Conservation Committee, she was instrumental in procuring the site for the Regan Memorial and obtained the ornamental shrubbery for the High School grounds.

The Club made the first move for warm lunches in the Wilmington public schools; and furnished the Domestic Science room when the new High School was built.

For four years the Club gave sixty dollars annually for the support of a Near East orphan.

During the World War the club purchased a one hundred dollar Liberty Bond.

In 1918 Mrs. Harold Fay established a Student Loan Fund which is still in operation. This Fund has assisted four students who have paid back all the money borrowed

In 1930 Mrs. Mervin J. Curl chairman of Literature Committee, started a circulating library for use of the members.

During Mrs. Arthur W. Giroux' administration in 1928—29, the membership limit of One hundred and fifty was reached for the first time and it was necessary to raise the limit to One hunderd and seventy-five with a waiting list. The still has its full quota of members and applicants on the waiting list.

In 1930 the president appointed a committee to cooperate with the town committee in celebration of Wilmington's 200th anniversary: and to mark the closing of the three day celebration, the club sponsored a mamoth banquet, entertaining 676 guests on Saturday evening, Sept. 27. Mrs. D. E Bennett was banquet chairman and the club program chairman arranged the entertainment.

Through the efforts of the club the 90-acre tract of land which was formerly the town farm was presented to the Wilmington Park Department for use as a War Memorial Park for park and recreational purposes. This was the offering of Club in connection with the Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary. At the dedication of the park, Sunday, Sept. 28 Mrs. August G. MacLeod, president of the club, was one of the principal speakers.

The list of presidents of the club since it was incorporated is as follows:

Mrs. Sophia Bond	1901 - 1903.
Mrs. Lucy A. Harriman	1903-1904.
Mrs. Leontine Buck	1904-1906.
Miss Maria Carter	1906-1908
Mrs. Helen H. Buck	1908-1910.
Mrs. Fanny Marsh	1910-1912
Mrs. Ellen S. Perry	1912-1914
Mrs. Sally Allen	1914-1915
Mrs. Martha Purbeck	1915-1917.
Mrs. Grace Stevens	1917-1919
Mrs. Nina Barrows	1919-1921.
Mrs. Flora Frame	1921
Miss C. Hilda Nichols	1921-1923.
Mrs. Mildred Neilson	1923-1924
Mrs. Rhoda Buzzell	1924-1926.
Mrs. Alice Roberts	1926-1927.
Mrs. Alyce Sidelinker	1927-1928.
Mrs. Natalie Giroux	1928-1929.
Mrs. Gladys MacLeod	1929-1931.
Mrs. Mary Hanscom	1931-1932.

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Wilmington Women's Club

To help celebrate the thirtieth anniversary on Thursday, in Grange Hall, there will be a luncheon, the guests of honor being Mrs. Carl L. Schrader, president of the State Federation; Mrs. Reuben Gleason, Jr., State chairman of press and publicity; Mrs. Harold P. Johnson of Woburn, director of the eighth district, and charter members. Judge Emma Fall Schofield, the guest speaker, will give a talk on George Washington. Amey French Pepin, soprano, will be the soloist. This program has been arranged in deference to Mrs. Schrader's expressed wish at the Federation meeting in Swampscott that clubs would present programs this season in honor of Washington. The affair is in charge of Mrs. Ford Hanscom, president, and director of press and publicity for the eighth district, assisted by the executive board. Mrs. D. E. Bennett is luncheon chairman and Mrs. Fred Roberts will be in charge of the decorations. The committee includes Mrs. C. H. Black and Mrs. Stanley Webber, vice presidents; Mrs. Roderick Cameron, recording secretary; Mrs. D. Robert Carter, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. Chandler Manning, treasurer; Mrs. R. R. Currier, auditor; Mrs. C. P. Stirling, Mrs. Arthur Kidder, and Mrs. Charles Littlefield, directors. The club was organized in October, 1901, by Mrs. Sophia F. H. Bond, "to form a recognized center for social and mental culture and to foster a generous public spirit in the community." There were twenty-eight members when Mrs. Bond called the club to order as its first president. Early in its existence, the club began its career of service to the community by placing a memorial tablet on the site where Rev. John Whitefield, a colonial preacher, held services beneath a large elm tree. A school banking system was instituted soon by the education committee with deposits of several thousand dollars by school pupils. The schools were likewise benefited by the establishment of school libraries with money derived from the sale of a cookbook prepared by the club. The club also supports a student loan fund which lends money to high school graduates who desire to attend college. The domestic science room in the local high school was furnished by the club and Wilmington club women were instrumental in having warm luncheons served to children who are unable to go to their homes at the noon recess.

Mrs. Ford Hanscom

President of the Wilmington Women's Club, Whose Members Will Greet Founders on the Thirtieth Birthday Next Thursday When Judge Emma Fall Schofield Will Deliver An Address on George Washington.

Wilmington is justly proud of its local school forest, said to be the only one of its kind in eastern Massachusetts. This enterprise, which interests the coming generation in forestry, is sponsored by the Wilmington Women's Club as one of its 1933 projects. In the adjacent town of Reading, if we remember aright, the youngsters have previously been of help in developing the town forest. No tract of this county is better adapted by nature for the growing of pine and hardwood than is the level stretch about the headwaters of the Ipswich river. It should help toward better forestation that the Wilmington school forest is under creation as a model for other towns of the neighborhood.

Tree Planting.

A meeting was called recently by Mrs. Michael H. Barry, president of the Wilmington Women's Club, who is sponsoring a community tree planting project. The meeting, held at the Silver Lake Betterment hall, was attended by representatives from the various organizations in Wilmington to see what might be done in the way of replacing trees that were lost during last year's hurricane.

All present agreed to take part in contributing toward the purchase of trees to be planted Wednesday, directly following the regular May day exercises on the common. The school children have purchased a tree to be planted on the school grounds, and after the singing of "God Bless America," Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer will give a short address and John W. Babine, tree warden, will plant the trees. Burt Tilley is treasurer of contributions for tree planting.

Miss Henrietta Swain, Mrs. Eugene Coombs, Mrs. D. Robert Carter, Mrs. Daniel H. Ross, Mrs. William Coogan, Mrs. Harold Simes, Mrs. Charles Baldwin, Mrs. Joseph McMahon, Mrs. Charles Lee, Herbert C. Barrows, William Babine, Charles Black, Charles Sumner, John Doyle, William Curtin and Mr. Tilley attended the meeting and represented their respective organizations. The 4-H clubs, L. B. S. of the Congregational church, Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church, Silver Lake Betterment Association, American Legion Auxiliary, Acacia chapter, 80, O. E. S., Friendship lodge, A. F. & A. M., Service Men's Club and the Board of Trade. It is expected that 12 trees will be planted. This is only a start. Mr. Babine states that 270 shade trees have been lost and on Arbor day each year, with the help of the tree warden, this group of civic-minded citizens will have community tree planting.

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Left to Right: Mrs. Jessie Wilson of Winchester, of the 8th district division, Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Stephen G. Bean, president Wilmington Women's Club, Mrs. Caleb Harriman who wrote the history which was read at the meeting held yesterday afternoon at Wilmington, Grange Hall.

Wilmington, Oct. 15.

The Wilmington Women's Club observed its 35th anniversary this afternoon in Grange hall with approximately 100 members and guests present. Luncheon was served at 1 o'clock in the dining hall by the Lydon Catering Co. of Lowell. At the close of the luncheon Mrs. Stephen G. Bean, president, cut the large three-tier birthday cake which was later distributed among those present as a souvenir of the occasion. As Mrs. Bean placed the knife in the cake, all present arose and sang one verse of "Auld Lang Syne" led by Mrs. Guy E. Nichols. The cake was made and donated by Mrs. Daniel H. Ross, treasurer, and the work of frosting and decorating was by Mrs. William B. Snowman.

Reception for Past Presidents.

A reception for the past presidents and present officers of the club took place in the upper hall, with the following in the receiving line: Past Presidents Mrs. Lucy A. Harriman, 1903-4; Mrs. Helen H. Buck, 1908-10; Mrs. Nina Barrows, 1919-21; Miss C. Hilda Nichols, 1921-23; Mrs. Rhode Buzzell, 1924-26; Mrs. Alice Roberts, 1926-27; Mrs. Gladys MacLeod, 1929-31; Mrs Mary A. Hanscom, 1931-34; and Mrs. Stanley Webber, 1934-36.

Present officers in the receiving line included Mrs. Stephen G. Bean, president; Mrs. J. Turner Hood jr., vice president; Mrs. Rufus Little, recording secretary; Mrs. Clarence Durland, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Daniel H. Ross, treasurer; Mrs. Harold E. Melzar, Mrs. John J. Twomey and Mrs. Mary A. Hanscom, directors; Mrs. Howard E. Bedell, press chairman.

After receiving the best wishes of those present, an address of welcome was given by Mrs. Bean, who then presented the guest of honor, Mrs. Jesse Wilson of Winchester, eighth district director, Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs, who gave an interesting talk about the work of the various clubs in the federation. Mrs. Lucy A. Harriman, second president of the club, gave a history of the club and the events that took place under each past president, notable among which was the sponsoring of the Public Health Nursing Association, the work to secure the present Memorial park for the town, the furnishing of the domestic science room at the high school, the presentation of books to the Public library, assistance of the club at the 200th anniversary of the town, and the student loan fund which has helped several students through college and which is in active use all the time.

Social afternoons have been sponsored by the club in the past, including afternoons of book reviews.

Violinist Guest Artist.

The guest artist of the afternoon was Miss Margaret Carabillo, concert violinist, of Hartford, Conn., a graduate of the N. E. Conservatory of Music and head of the violin department of the Julius Hart School of Music at Hartford, who played three groups of four numbers each. She was assisted at the piano during the program by Madeline Meredith, also of Hartford.

Decorations in the banquet hall consisted of carnations and white candles for the head table, pompons and white candles for the remaining tables. Autumn leaves and potted plants in profusion decorated the upper hall. Mrs. John J. Twomey was chairman of the decorating committee, assisted by Mrs. David L. Martin, Mrs. W. P. Taylor, Mrs. Frank J. Hadley, Mrs. Ralph R. Currier and Mrs. Harry J. Ainsworth.

The anniversary committee was composed of the executive board, Mrs. Stephen G. Bean, president.

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(Herald Staff Photos by George Dixon)

IN NEARLY SAME POSE as members of 1874 graduating class are these Wilmington High seniors of 1956. In back row (center) is Miss Margaret Horner, a teacher. Front (left to right) Richard Cavallero, Malcolm Jones and John Hartnett. Second row, Martha Ross, Georgianna Parks, Beverly Bryant, Kay E. Bemis and Sandra Harris. Back row, Nancy Anderson, Miss Horner and Barbara Odiorne.

Wilmington High School.

Graduating Exercises,

—OF THE—

CLASS OF '84,

—ON—

THURSDAY EVENING,

JUNE 19, 1884, AT 8 O'CLOCK,

—AT THE—

—TOWN HALL.—

E. G. AVERY, PRINTER, WILMINGTON.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. SONG— All Together.

SCHOOL.

2. RECITATION— Morituri Salutamus, . . Longfellow.

EMMA E. HAMLEN.

3. DECLAMATION— Jack Chiddy, . . . Anderson.

WILLARD F. LOWE.*

4. RECITATION— The Pride of Battery B. . Gassaway.

LIZZIE F. SHELDON.*

5. DECLAMATION— How He Saved St. Michaels, . Anon.

EDGAR C. FOLKINS.*

6. RECITATION— Josiah Allen's Wife at A. T. Stewart's, Holley.

HELEN H. BUCK.

7. CLASS HISTORY—

MARY G. SWAIN.

8. DECLAMATION— Eulogy on Phillips, . . Curtis.

ROBERT H. GOWING.*

9. SONG— Improve the Passing Hours,

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10. SONG— Whispering Hope.

SCHOOL.

11. ESSAY— John Greenleaf Whittier,

ARTHUR B. CARTER.

12. RECITATION— Death of Little Jo. . . . Dickens.

ANNA T. SHELDON.*

13. CLASS PROPHECY.

KATE H. MILLIGAN.

14. DECLAMATION— Babies, ... Mark Twain.

BERNARD F. DOUCETTE

15. RECITATION— The Station Agent's Story, . . Thorpe.

NETTIE M. BUCK.*

16. VALEDICTORY— "Bravely, Faithfully, Cheerfully."

ABBIE F. SHELDON.

17. PARTING ODE. (WORDS BY HELEN H. BUCK.)

CLASS OF '84.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

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Wilmington, Aug. 20, 1880.

Dear Sir: The citizens of this town propose to celebrate the ***One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary*** *of its incorporation, on Saturday, the 25th day of September next, by appropriate exercises and festivities. They invite the presence and co-operation of all, who, from circumstances of birth, marriage connections, or otherwise, feel an interest in the history of the town, or its inhabitants; and would be happy to welcome you, your family and friends, upon that occasion.*

The Annual Fair of The Farmers and Mechanic's Club will be held on the same day.

Per order of Citizen's Com.,

Chas. W. Swain, Secretary.

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WEEK AT WILMINGTON.

Town is All Decorated for the Home-Coming of Sons and Daughters—Many Events Planned.

WILMINGTON, July 30—The town is all ready for its observance of old-home week. Tomorrow the churches will be given over to exercises appropriate to the occasion. On Wednesday there will be a parade and banquet with speeches by noted men, and on Thursday there is planned a basket picnic at Silver lake, with a generous program of field and aquatic sports. Already the town wears a gala dress. The town-house, the high school and Walker school buildings, the public library building, the Congregational, Catholic and Methodist churches, the two railroad depots and the Congregational society parsonage are decked with bunting.

Among the private residences and places of business decorated are those of Hon Chester W. Clark, Edward M. Nichols, James E. Kelley, Michael McMahon, William O. Shattuck, William E. Gowing, Mrs Judith D. Carter, Joseph N. Hill, Mrs Katherine Kelley, Joseph N. Ames, Dr D. T. Buzzell, Stillman C. White, Arthur T. Bond, Caleb S. Harriman, Fred A. Eames, Buck Bros, Robert H. Gowing.

Everywhere is visible the touch of renovation. Buildings have been repaired and repainted, lawns and shrubbery have been trimmed, fences aligned, driveways carefully raked, and sidewalks constructed. Supplementing the work of individuals, the committee on historical sites have placed 21 markers, briefly descriptive, in various sections of the town, and have issued a booklet as a guide to the identification of the places deemed of special interest.

These sites include the Ford-Blanchard house, 1720; the Squire Eames place, about 1725; site of the Whitefield elm, Federal hill, where until a few years ago stood the Col Wm. Blanchard house; site of the first meeting house erected in 1732; the first as old cemetery, 1731; the soldiers' monument, erected in 1902, by the ex-high school graduates; tomb of Rev Isaac Merrill, pastor of Wilmington's first Orthodox church, 1741-1793; site of old powder house, 1814; part of the old "Bond" property, 1802; remodeled old depot building of the period, 1830-1840; Levi Reynolds' house, 1716; Isaac Carter house, the home of Ezra Carter, who sold it to his son in 1817; site of the old mills, 1702; the Morrill house, prior to 1722; Sabra Carter house, contemporary with the Morrill house.

The Baldwin monument, erected by the Rumford historical society of Woburn in 1895, commemorative of the location of the baldwin apple tree; the Boutwell house prior to 1747; site of Jaquith Garrison house; the great hemlock, said to be the largest in New England; Walker house, built just after the revolution; Middlesex canal house, 1803; the Gowing house, perhaps the first frame building erected in the town; Rich Carter house, built by Richard Thompson, who died in 1749; Perry house, built before 1736; The Flagg place, main portion standing as early as 1720; Stanley farm, taking its name from its owner in 1782.

A wonderous collection of antiques and curios will be on view during the coming week, serving as an interesting link between present and past. The people of this quiet village are aroused as never before to make the coming week a red letter one in local history.

The closing feature of the week's celebration will be the 16th reunion of the Gowing family, which will be held at the residence of Robert H. Gowing, on Shawsheen av, Saturday, Aug 6. It will assume the form of a basket picnic. Lunch will be served at 12:30. Business meeting at 1:30. A literary and musical entertainment will follow. The host is chairman of the general committee on the week's observances.

It will not be possible to include in the week's program the dedication of the new Whitefield school building in the north part of the town as at first planned.

Milton T. Holt, postmaster, will act as chief marshal of the parade on Wednesday. The route as arranged by him will be from the town hall to Church st, thence through Main st, Middlesex av, Andover st to north school, and countermarch to point of beginning. Postmaster Holt has decorated his office building in an effective and tasty manner.

WILMINGTON.

The appended brief historical sketch is from the paper published and just circulated by the committee in the interests of the Old Home Week:

"In the year seventeen hundred and thirty this town was set off from Reading and Woburn and became a separate township, numbering between three and four hundred inhabitants. At that time there were no churches, no schools, no railroads, no stores. It was a sparsely settled farming district, set aside to govern itself. This healthy section of New England, favorably located, naturally well endowed with stately elm, towering maple and odorous pine, with a beautiful lake of silver nestling in its midst, should, during this century and three quarters, have made rapid growth, vieing with the mother-town in becoming a thriving city. Thus isolated it must bestir itself. How has it fulfilled its mission? The population has increased to sixteen hundred (1,600). Its churches, three in number, are a power for good in the community. Its graded schools, in excellent condition, conform to the standards of other towns. Railroads galore place it in communication with neighboring cities.

"Wilmington can boast of but one factory—an adequate supply of stores which provide for the wants of the inner man, and it has traffic in wood, coal and ice, but is manifestly deficient in certain lines of trade. A library of fair proportions awaits a fitting habitation.

"The fire department, still in its infancy, has already proved its efficiency. With streets merging into boulevards, sidewalks materializing, residences acquiring larger dimensions, there are evidences of an awakening, notably this wave of enthusiasm to celebrate Old Home Week. Let us foster the spirit, inaugurate a season of amusement, feasting and good cheer, to which many guests shall be summoned, who through birthright or otherwise are entitled to our warmest hospitality.

"The committee desires you to open your homes and bid them welcome, entertain them royally, and thus inspire departing friends to chant the glad refrain:

"The Homeland! O the Homeland"!
The land of goodliest cheer;
My heart is in the Home-land,
Its name forever dear.

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SUMMER IMPROVEMENTS

A change has come over the town during the summer months. More visible improvement has appeared in the last two months than in the two preceding years.

Wilmington Square has received a notable addition in the form of a four-store, brick block. This structure enhances the appearance of the square and makes a good impression on persons entering the town. At present only one store has taken space in the building, that of Mr. Weinberg. Construction will soon begin on a new block to be erected on the present site of the Ames house. These buildings offer inducements for new stores. On the lot next to the Walker School a new building has been erected to store the highway department, road and construction machinery.. This is of value in that it offers an example for future structures of its type in its beauty of design.

Perhaps the greatest and most apparent benefit to the town's welfare is the new road being built from North Woburn to Wilmington Center. This new road eliminates the dangerous curve at North Woburn by cutting through a solid ledge. This work is being carried on by the State and should provide a valuable aid to Wilmington's road system. The town is continuing the state road on Salem Street. This year the appropriation allows for 1,100 feet of new road. When the road is finally completed it will provide a through road to the Lowell road. The old road was so rough that it prohibited comfortable travel over it.

A good road always attracts tourists and increases their regard for the town. Anything the town does in this line will be amply rewarded in the future.

Wilmington is at last beginning to make the progress that it should have made in the past. When water comes, if the townspeople support growing businesses and encourage incoming industries, the town will rapidly develop into a bustling city.

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"Old Home Week" Celebration

Wilmington, Mass.

July 31st — August 6th, 1904

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A cordial invitation is extended to you to attend all the exercises, to unite in the celebration and to share in the hospitality of the town during the week.

Sunday, July 31st—Special Services at the Churches.

Wednesday, Aug. 3rd—Celebration, Dinner, Addresses.

Thursday, Aug. 4th—Town Picnic and Family Reunions.

Wilmington Old Home Week Committee.

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WILMINGTON extends greetings and most cordially invites you to return to our town during

"OLD HOME WEEK"

JULY 31 TO AUGUST 6, 1904, to participate in the festivities of that week.

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...PROGRAM...

SUNDAY, JULY 31.

Special Services in the Churches.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3.

Parade in the morning, followed by Dinner (50 cts. a plate), and Speaking in the Congregational Church.

THURSDAY, AUG. 4.

Basket Picnic at Silver Lake with field sports and contests.

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There will be Band Concerts on both days.

Will those expecting to attend dinner please notify the Secretary not later than July 25.

Yours fraternally,

OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE.

ROBERT H. GOWING, Chairman.
MISS CARRIE M. SWAIN, Secretary.

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Program

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1904

Congregational Church, 10.45 A. M.

Old Home Service

Sermon by Rev. S. S. Mathews, D. D., of Danielson, Conn.
(Pastor of Cong. Church in Wilmington 1874-75)

4 P. M., Rededication Service

Sermon by Prof. Wm. H. Ryder, D. D., Andover Seminary

Methodist Episcopal Church

REV. ROBERT JOHNSON, Pastor

10.45 Sermon expected by some former Pastor

6.45 Old Home Week Service

St. Thomas' Church, 9 o'clock A. M.

Special Music rendered by the Choir

Mass in E

Kyrie, Choir - - - - - - Emerson
Gloria, Choir - - - - - - Emerson
Credo, Choir - - - - - - Emerson
"O Salutaris," Messrs. Doucette and McMahon
Offertory "Ave Maria," Alice McMahon - Milard
Sanctus, Choir - - - - - - Emerson
Benedictus, Louis McMahon - - - Emerson
Agnus Dei, Choir - - - - - Emerson

Organist - Miss Alice McMahon

Sermon delivered by Rev. M. J. Locke, O. S. A.

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..Program..

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3, 10 A. M.

Civic and Trades Parade. Line of march from Town Hall to Church St., Church St. to Main, Main to Middlesex Ave., Middlesex Ave. to Andover, Andover to North School, Countermarch to Town Hall. . MILTON T. HOLT, Chief Marshal.

12.30 P. M. Dinner at Vestry of Congregational Church

After-Dinner Exercises

AT

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

REV. WALTER H. ROLLINS, Presiding

"HOME AGAIN" Audience joining in Chorus By Chorus

CHORUS.

Home again, home again, from a foreign shore!
And oh, it fills my soul with joy, to meet my friends once more.

HON. G. S. BOUTWELL Ex-U. S. Senator, Ex. Gov. of Mass.

HON. BUTLER AMES "The Nation"

HON. LEVI S. GOULD "The County of Middlesex"

HON. CHESTER W. CLARK "Our First Senator"

"HOME FOREVER" By Chorus

ARTHUR T. BOND, ESQ.
"Wilmington in the Military Service of her Country"

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Program

FRED GOWING, PH. D. — "Education"

REV. JOHN H. NICHOLS — "Wilmington of Yesterday"

HON. W. H. H. EMMONS — "Our Summer Residents"

"AROUND THE HEARTH" — Audience joining — By Chorus

Whatever be our earthly lot,
Wherever we may roam,
Still to our hearts the brightest spot
Is round the hearth at home,
The home that welcomed us at birth,
The hearth by which we sat;
No other spot on all the earth
Will ever be like that.

When winter, coming in its wrath,
Pil'd high the drifting snow,
Safe cluster'd round the cheerful hearth,
We watch'd the firelight glow;
Nor brighter seem'd the ruddy flames
Than did our hearts, the while
A loving mother breath'd our names
With sweet approving smile.

When wearied with our eager chase,
Thro' many a tangled path,
How sweet the dear accustom'd place,
To take around the hearth!
And still when by our toil and care
We feel ourselves oppress'd,
Our thoughts forever cluster there,
And there alone find rest.

And brighter with the passing years
Seems childhood's sweet employ,
And ever sweeter still appears
Each well remember'd joy,
Around the cheerful hearth at home,
Where we in childhood sat;
No other spot, where'er we roam,
Will ever be like that.

2.30 Band Concert at Common for Children

THURSDAY, AUG. 4.

Basket Picnic at Silver Lake

Band Concert, Ball Game, and other Athletic Sports

Suitable Prizes will be offered

Old Home Week Committee

ROBERT H. GOWING, Chairman
JOHN T. WILD, Treasurer
CARRIE M. SWAIN, Secretary
J. HOWARD EAMES
MARIA W. CARTER
HERBERT N. BUCK, Selectman
EDWARD A. CARTER, Selectman
EUGENE G. SHAW, Selectman

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ALL WILMINGTON WAS AT HOME

The Old Home Week Celebration Is Begun.

TOWN'S HISTORY IS REVIEWED

Judge Emmons Owes His Life to Wilmington Doctor.

ENATOR CLARK AND HON. LEVI S. GOULD MAKE ADDRESSES.

The town of Wilmington, from its centre to each remotest corner, was in gala attire yesterday, the big day of the Old Home Week celebration. Former residents came from far-away places, to be present at the dinner and to renew acquaintance with old schoolmates and friends, and the event was a model of its kind, pervaded by just that spirit of tender loyalty to old-home ties that Governor Rollins had in mind when he founded the custom of home week observance.

The first event of the morning was the civic and trades parade, which started at 10 o'clock from the town hall. Milton T. Holt was chief marshal, and the features of the parade were: Squad of police; the selectmen of the town; the fire department; the Grand Army veterans; the school children; the trades. The line of march was from the town hall to Church street; to Main street; to Middlesex avenue; to Andover; to North school; countermarch to town hall. All along the line of march, places of business and private residences were decorated.

The dinner was served in the vestry of the Congregational church, where the crowd was so great that it was impossible to seat all at one time, and the tables had to be reset. It was a first-class dinner, and happy reunions, with exchanges of reminiscences, made it a feast never to be forgotten.

An interesting feature of the day was the loan exhibit in the town hall, which was under the management of the Wilmington Women's club. This included many valuable relics of local interest, among them being a case of old records of the Congregational church, and old manuscript sermons, the records dating from 1733.

In the auditorium of the Congregational church, the after-dinner exercises were held, Rev. Walter H. Rollins presiding. "Home Again" was sung by the chorus choir and the audience, and the chairman, after making a few introductory remarks read letters of regret from three of the distinguished men whom it was hoped would be present as speakers. Governor Bates wrote that his many engagements made it impossible for him to attend without interfering with official business. Ex-Governor G. S. Boutwell said that a meeting of the anti-imperialist league, of which he is president, must be attended, and he felt that in his present condition of health it would be unwise for him to prepare for another meeting. Hon. Butler Ames wrote that he would be unable to keep his engagement, owing to the illness which has confined him to his bed for the last month.

Hon. Levi S. Gould, chairman of the board of county commissioners, was the first speaker introduced. His subject was

"The County of Middlesex."

In his introductory remarks, he recalled the fact that at a very early age he signed the temperance pledge in the old Wilmington church, and that he was indebted to that town for his early education. "This is the only place on earth," he said, "that I really recognize as my home. It is not my fault that I was not born here." He read a portion of his valuable and interesting paper on the history of Middlesex county.

Hon. Chester W. Clark responded to the toast "Our First Senator." He said, in opening, that his claims to distinction were set at naught by the fact that the dust of the first representatives of Wilmington were mouldering in the grave, long before the speaker's grandfather was born. "We can well excuse the people for not having had a senator then," he said; "they went as far in that direction as the law allowed. On the 16th of May, 1735, the sturdy yeomen of Wilmington assembled in the meeting-house, a few rods to the northward from where we are now, to choose their first representative. The people were proud when Daniel Pierce took the oath to support, not the constitution of Massachusetts, but the King of England.

In contrasting the early life of the town with its present conditions, the speaker said: "In those days there was no mail for the post office, and no post office for the mail. The teacher rotated, like a circuit judge, maintaining the school in private dwellings. The Boston News Letter was the only paper which occasionally found its way into the homes of the town. Daniel Pierce read this paper now and then, and it enhanced his qualifications as a representative."

In contrast with this: "During the present year, five students from Wilmington were pursuing college courses, two of whom were graduated in June. Upon the same ratio, a town of the size of Woburn would be sending 45. There are well-made and convenient highways, two lines of electric railway and three steam railways. Electric cars and passenger trains run through the town on an average of one every six minutes, from 6 in the morning until 12 at night, besides 73 expre trains that run through without stop ping.

The 'First Senator'

has a potato patch that could not have been excelled by that of the first representative. The large increase in the number of inhabitants, since 1735, does not measure the advance in the social, educational and civic life of the town."

Arthur T. Bond, Esq., Wilmington's distinguished historian, spoke on the military service of the town, in the various wars that have been experienced since the incorporation of the town in 1730. "In the French and Indian wars, Wilmington men fought as provincials, and subjects of the crown; in the Revolution, they fought for independence; in the Civil war they fought for a principle; and in the Spanish war, they fought—let us say for justice."

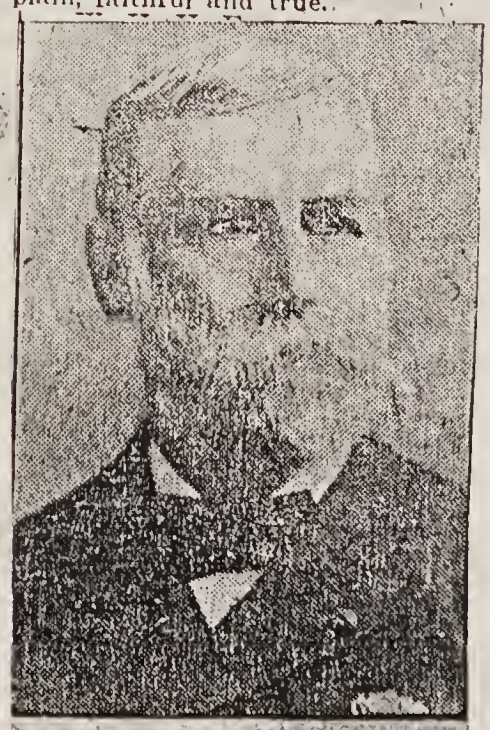
The number of men who fought in the Revolutionary war, from Wilmington, the speaker could estimate only approximately. On the 19th of April, 1775, two companies swung out of town, one commanded by Capt. Cadwalder Ford, the other by Capt. Timothy Walker. Later, another company went out, commanded by Capt. John Harnden. There is no record that any Wilmington soldier lost his life, though they fought at Lexington, Bunker Hill and Concord. The aggregate of the combined companies indicates that nearly, if not quite, all of Wilmington's able-bodied men, were engaged in

The Struggle for Liberty.

"The Civil War touched Wilmington to the quick. The records show that 96 men formed her quota. Fourteen lost their lives, and 11 were discharged for disability.

"Wilmington's connection with the Spanish war was by proxy, her two men who were at Porto Rico having enlisted at Wakefield."

Fred Gowing, Ph. D., who taught the Wilmington school many years ago, spoke on the subject of "Education." He held that it is the spirit of the community, that makes the schools good or bad. They will be just as good as the people of the community demand, and just as bad as the community will tolerate. There is some lack of virility among the young people of the present day, due to the scarcity of men teachers; and there is a tendency toward lack of respect for authority and for the law. He commended the kind of education that makes common, every-day, substantial, honest citizens. The function of the common schools is to turn out men and women who shall be plain, faithful and true.



HON LEVI S. GOULD, MELROSE, County Commissioner.

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Hon. W. H. H. Emmons, of Boston municipal fame, was the next speaker. Judge Emmons' summer home is in North Wilmington, and has been for many years. He spoke in behalf of "Our Summer Residents."

A good deal of amusement was created by his recital of an unpleasant experience that happened 18 years ago, when he first came to Wilmington, not as a resident, but as a summer boarder, in the family of the Blanchards. On the day of their arrival, a young colored servant girl, who was offended because of the increased size of the family, administered

"Rough on Rats"

in the tea, poisoning five out of seven of them, "and," said the judge, "if it had not been for Dr. Buzzell, we should not be here now, to participate in this celebration. He worked over us until 2 o'clock, faithfully performing his part, and Nature did the rest. Looking back upon that incident, I wonder that we ever came back to Wilmington; but we did so, the following summer, and have come here every summer since."

The judge spoke well of Wilmington as a summer residence, dwelling upon its desirable features. Among those enumerated, were the facilities for dodging newspaper reporters. He told how he could take round-about routes, to Boston, and by climbing over a few cars and railroad tracks, could dodge them there. It is doubtful, however, if the judge succeeded in dodging them yesterday; for the Boston reporters were there, and some of them left the church as soon as he ceased speaking and went out.

Rev. John H. Nichols, one of the early residents, in opening his remarks on "Wilmington of Yesterday," said he was wondering, while Judge Emmons spoke, what the friends in Boston would think, if they should get a report of that speech. He wondered if they would not secretly wish that Dr. Buzzell had done his work less thoroughly, in the "Rough on Rats" incident; and that somebody had been at the head of the Boston police force who would not be so "rough" on them.

Mr. Nichols had many reminiscences, both humorous and of a serious nature, of the early days in Wilmington. He remembered that Wilmington was the

Birthplace of the Baldwin

apple, and that there lived Mr. Reuben Butters, who had been a sailor, and who, according to his own assertion, had visited the North pole, climbed the same, and placed his hat upon it.

Mr. Nichols is a native of the city of Lowell, but lived in Wilmington after he reached the age of four or five years. His recollections clustered around three common interests, the bakeries, the schools and the churches. He recalled the burning of the cracker factories, and of the church. The factories were never rebuilt. His reminiscences of the war meetings and military drills were most interesting.

"Around the Hearth" was sung by the chorus and congregation in closing the exercises.

Today a basket picnic at Silver Lake will close the celebration. Among the features are a band concert, ball game and other athletic sports for which prizes are offered.

The general committee for the Old Home Week was as follows:

[illegible]bert H. Gowing, chairman; John [illegible]d, treasurer; Carrie M. Swain, [illegible] J. Howard Eames, Maria [illegible] Herbert N. Buck, select[illegible]rd A. Carter, selectman; [illegible]aw, selectman.

WILMINGTON'S OLD HOME WEEK.

Grand Celebration.—Happy Days of Auld Lang Syne Recalled.—Inspiring Addresses.

Wilmington's Old Home Week of 1904 was a grand success. The celebration opened on Sunday, July 31, with special services in the several churches.

At St. Thomas' church the following program was carried out at 9 a. m.

Special music rendered by the choir
Mass in E

Kyrie, Choir — Emerson
Gloria, Choir — Emerson
Credo, Choir — Emerson
"O Salutaris," Messrs. Doucette and McMahon
Offertory "Ave Maria," Alice McMahon — Millard
Sanctus, Choir — Emerson
Benedictus, Louis McMahon — Emerson
Agnus Dei, Choir — Emerson
Organist—Miss Alice McMahon
Sermon delivered by Rev. M. J. Locke, O. S. A.

At the Congregational Church at 10.45 a. m. Rev. S. S. Mathews, D. D., of Danielson, Conn., (pastor of Cong. church in Wilmington 1874-5) preached an Old Home sermon. At 4 p. m. a re-dedication service was held with the following contributions.

SERVICE OF RE-DEDICATION, 4.00 P. M.

Prelude
Doxology
Invocation — Rev. J. Harold Dale
Pastor Congregational Church in Billerica
Anthem—"Oh! how amiable" — Dudley Buck
Scripture Reading — Rev. Robert C. Johnson
Pastor Methodist Church in Wilmington
Hymn—"Come, Thou Almighty King"
Sermon — Prof. Wm. H. Ryder, D. D., Andover
Anthem—"Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house" — Berthold Tours
Retrospect and Prospect
By the Pastor, Rev. W. H. Rollins
Ceremony of Re-dedication
(The congregation rose and united in offering the building to God)
Prayer of Dedication — Rev. F. A. Wilson
Pastor of Free Church (Congregational) Andover
Solo—"Hills of God" — Nevins
Mrs. W. H. Rollins

WORDS OF CONGRATULATION

From the Church of Our Fathers
First Church, 1664, Wakefield
Rev. A. P. Davis
Pastor of Congregational Church in Wakefield
From Woburn Conference
Rev. F. S. Hunnewell
Pastor of Congregational Church in Reading
From Our Pastor of Former Days
Rev. S. S. Mathews, D. D.
Pastor of Westfield Congregational Church, Danielson, Conn.
Hymn—Dedication (Tune "Mear")

"O, Thou, whose own vast temple stands,
Built over earth and sea,
Accept the walls that human hands
Have raised to worship Thee."

Benediction
Postlude

At the Methodist Episcopal Church at 10.45 a. m. an appropriate sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Robert Johnson, and an Old Home Week service given in the evening.

The gala day was Wednesday. From all parts of the land Wilmington's sons and daughters had returned to visit the scenes of their childhood and renew old acquaintances. The Wilmington citizens and the Old Home Committee had done their utmost to make the welcome of the heartiest and most cordial kind. All the public buildings and churches were decorated with bunting, and private houses were so beautified with Old Glory that to mention one in particular would be doing an injustice to all the rest. Nothing was left undone which should have been done and all moved with the regularity of clock work. The Old Home Week Committee has reason to feel proud of its patriotic efforts and of the patriotic townsmen who helped. The Committee consisted of:

Robert H. Gowing, Chairman.
John T. Wild, Treasurer.
Carrie M. Swain, Secretary.
J. Howard Eames.
Maria W. Carter.
Herbert N. Buck, Selectman.
Edward A. Carter, Selectman.
Eugene G. Shaw, Selectman.

A sub-committee appointed to mark historical sites had designated places deemed of special interest with numerals, and a guide book edited by Arthur T. Bond with paragraphs of coinciding numbers gave full and accurate information concerning the same. The features of Wednesday's celebration were the parade in the morning, the loan exhibit by the Woman's Club in the town hall, the dinner in the basement of the Cong. Church, and the after dinner speaking.

The parade started at 10 a. m. prompt with Marshal Milton T. Holt in charge. First came a platoon of police, four of Wilmington's finest, headed by Chief Wm. Swain. North Reading's Brass Band furnished the music, and many were the favorable comments overheard about its good work. Behind the band in an open barouche rode the town fathers, Selectmen Herbert N. Buck, Edward A. Carter and Eugene G. Shaw, with town clerk Jas. E. Kelly. Albert D. Butters marshalled the first division of the parade which moved in this order.

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Barge containing G. A. R. veterans, Spanish war veterans, members W. R. C.

Four floats containing school children with flags.

Chelsea drum corps.

Fire wagon containing Chief Engineer C. S. Harriman and Asst. Chief Engineer F. W. Kidder.

Engine Company No. 1, Capt. Daniel Bryenton with 16 men in full blue dress.

Engine No. 1 followed by hose carriage.

Engine Company No. 2, Capt. J. M. Hill, 22 men in natty blue shirts and white duck trousers.

Engine 2 followed by hose wagon.

Nine barges filled with school children.

T. T. Sidelinker was marshal of the second division which was a trade exhibit consisting of the following teams.

Buck Bros., grocers, 2 teams.

Union Ice Co.

Lewis Holt, meat.

C. E. Carter, meat.

M. F. Holt, meat.

A. C. Buck, meat.

L. C. Swain, "cows bought and sold."

Three 2-horse dump carts owned by Town Farm, Jas. Foley and Chas. Blaisdell. Highway workers, Chas. Blake & Co.

D. B. Brown, express.

Maple Brook Farm.

J. W. Perry, blacksmith.

Brookside Farm (Eames and MacDonald) sulky plow and single hitch.

The line of march was from Town Hall to Church st., Church st. to Main, Main to Middlesex ave., Middlesex ave. to Andover, Andover to North School, countermarch to Town Hall.

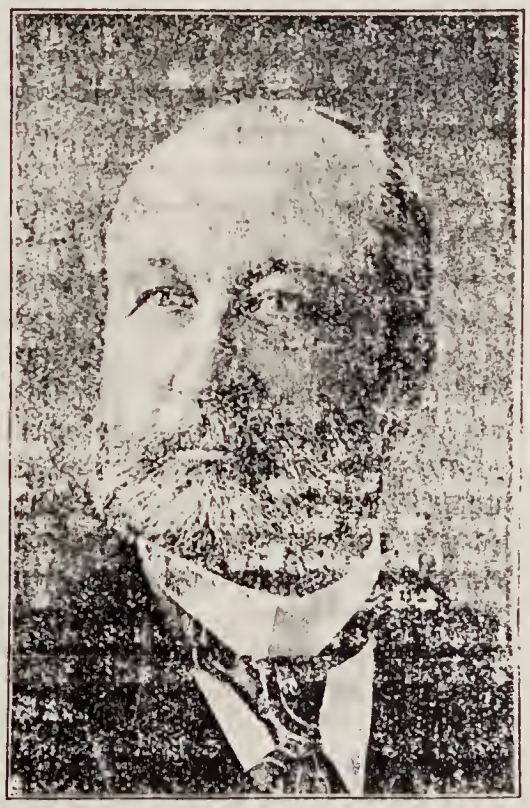
While the paraders and the stirring strains of the No. Reading Band were away in No. Wilmington, many took advantage of their absence to inspect the Loan Exhibit by the Woman's Club in the town hall. They displayed a collection of antiques, in pottery and china, Indian relics, samplers and embroidery, household utensils, quaint costumes, old Bibles, a communion service, etc., all representative of a century or more ago, and carefully preserved and cherished by the townspeople. It was a collection of unusual interest, arranged very conveniently r inspection.

The committee in charge of this exhibit was Mrs. Arthur Bond, Mrs. N. E. Morris and Miss Maria Carter. Mrs. Morris was charming in a colonial costume. Her skirt was one worn once by the mother of Mr. Chas. Littlefield while her cap was loaned her by Miss Lois Carter.

Dinner was served at 12.30 in the basement of the Cong. Church, Rev. J. H. Hoffman of No. Reading saying grace. A sumptuous old fashioned New England feast was heaped up for those fortunate enough to secure seats at the first table. Beans, cold meats, salads, the best of rolls and coffee, with brick after brick of ice cream, rapidly disappeared, and many were the kind words said of the caterer.

The literary services of the afternoon in the Cong. Church had to be postponed to 3 p. m. owing to the second dinner table made necessary by the unexpected throng.

Rev. Walter H. Rollins, pastor of the church, welcomed the visitors and introduced all the speakers. He was very happy in all his remarks, and made an ideal toastmaster.



SENATOR CHESTER W. CLARK
One of the speakers.

The first speaker was Hon. Levi S. Gould, chairman of the Middlesex County Commissioners. "My father," said Mr. Gould, "came to Wilmington when I was two years old. I went to school right around the corner. My father's account book has a record of paying for my tuition under a Mr. Richardson at 10 cents per week. This place is the only one I recognize as home." After this introduction and some reminiscences of his youth spent in Wilmington, Mr. Gould responded to his subject "Middlesex County," briefly reviewing its history and ending with an eloquent tribute, "Middlesex County, known in history, song and story, birthplace of American independence! May she ever stand the centre of culture and refinement!"

Hon. Chester W. Clark, senator responded to the sentiment "Our First Senator." Mr. Clark claimed undue honor was given him as the dust of Wilmington's first representative was mouldering dust before his grandfather was born. There was no Senate in 1735 when Daniel Pierce in his best attire of homespun was sent up to Court to support not the Constitution but Geo. II. Mr. Clark gave a vivid picture of Daniel Pierce's times, contrasting theirs with modern progress and improvements. Even agriculture, he claimed, had not languished. He had as good a potato patch as ever did Daniel Pierce.

Arthur Thomas Bond told of Wilmington's patriotic record in all American conflicts, the French and Indian war, the Revolution, the war of 1812, the Civil war and the recent "Hespano embroilment." Ninety-six able men served in the Civil war, of whom 14 were killed and 11 discharged for disability.

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Fred Gowing, Ph. D., a son of whom Wilmington is proud, started his speech with much spirit and humor. After amusing his audience he settled down to some plain, wholesome talk on "Education." He contrasted the elegant State Normal School of Rhode Island, one of his recent charges, with the old Wilmington district school where he once taught for $432 a year. After contrasting the elegance of the new with the poor unsanitary old, he said: "It isn't the school building after all. You can't make brains by sending children to school any more than you can make muscle by placing beefsteak on your biceps. Our fathers were great in spite of their schools, not because of them. A boy can have no better school than with his father. There are too many women teachers now. We gain in courtesy, but do we not lose in virility? Men must take more part. The ideals of a community are the ideals of school. You can't shift education off onto the teachers. The true education is that which makes honest everyday sort of citizens, plain, faithful, true men and women."

Judge W. H. Emmons received a great ovation. He spoke facetiously of the reception he received in Wilmington 18 years ago on first coming to town. He was one of seven to be poisoned by Rough on Rats, and only the skill of Dr. B. saved his life. Yet he came back again every year since, because Wilmington is a good town to live in.

The last speaker was Rev. John H. Nichols of est WDerry, N. H. He drew a careful picture of Wilmington as he knew it when a boy. His remarks were most attentively listened to; more than any other speaker he called back the good old days of yore.

The Wednesday program ended with the singing of Around the Hearth, to the tune of Auld Lang Syne, by the audience.

Thursday a town basket picnic was held at Silver Lake. The No. Reading Brass Band gave concerts in both morning and afternoon. There were athletic contests and a rousing game of base ball between Wilmington and Silver Lake.

The winners in the sports (as prizes for which cups were given) were:

100-yd. dash, H. Swain.

Hop, step and jump, B. F. Butters.

Potato race for girls, Mrs. H. H. Lynch.

Throwing hammer, Patrick Rooney, 83 ft., 8 1-2 in.

Caramel race, Mrs. J. E. Lynch.

75 yd. dash for ladies, Mrs. H. H. Lynch.

Boat race for men, 2 oared, Lynch and Bigelow.

Boat race for ladies, 2 oar, Mrs. H. H. Lynch and Miss Olive Wilbur.

Boat race for men, single oar, Henry H. Lynch.

Boat race for boys, single oar, Ernest Purbeck.

Double canoe race for boys, Purbeck and Melzar.

Double canoe race for men, Lynch and Bigelow.

Girls' single boat race, Miss Olive Wilbur.

Swimming match for boys, Frank Marion, winner, Ernest Swain, second.

The base ball game was a hummer, Wilmington lost 7—1 and narrowly escaped a shutout. But what of it? Pat and Jack Rooney were the battery for Silver Lake and a Wilmington nine without them is like a clam chowder without the clams or the play of Hamlet without the Hamlet. Pat was in fine fettle and pitched the game of his life. Eames did splendid work for Wilmington but had not so strong a catcher as his opponents. The players and score by innings follow.

SILVER LAKE.

R. Worthen, cf
Cullinane, 2b
J. Rooney, c
Pote, 3b
Pat Rooney, p
H. Worthern, 1b
Wiley, rf
Meagher, ss
H. Crotcau, lf

WILMINGTON.

Wheatley, 3b
Lynch, ss
A. Crotcau, 2b
L. Doucette, rf
Dearborn, rf
O'Donnell, cf
Porter, 1b
Pete Rooney, c
R. Buck, c
Mullin, lf
Eames, p

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While the athletic sports and base ball games held the attention of the younger elements, others renewed old acquaintances in congenial groups or enjoyed the fine boating on the lake.

One of the pleasing features of the day was the dinner given to the No. Reading Band by Mr. John T. Wild of Union Ice Co. at his cottage on the lakeside. Conductor James Smith and the other visiting musicians deeply appreciated this act of courtesy and hospitality.

It was a tired crowd of Wilmington people after the two days of festivities but all were happy and devoutly felt "Wherever we may roam
Still to our hearts the brightest spot
Is round the hearth at home."

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The exhibition held in the town hall, on Wednesday of Old Home week, under the management of the Women's club, was well worth visiting. The entire exhibit would take a long time to describe, a few of the articles worthy of special note, were an exhibit of several war relics, and a beautiful fur coat loaned by Aldice Eames; the articles being taken by him after the battle of Tien Tsin. Mrs. Joseph N. Ames had a very interesting exhibit of china and other articles, belonging to his grand mother, Gillis, and great-grand-mother, Stark, of Revolutionary fame. A cue bone was a very interesting article once used by his grand father, Gillis, at the time when men wore their hair in a cue. Beautiful china loaned by Mrs. G. W. Ayer, Mrs. C. W. Swain, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Hattie Shaw. A large bible belonging to the Congregational church in 1775, once stolen, but recovered and given by a friend to Miss Sabra Carter, purchased from her estate and presented to the church by Mr. C. W. Clark in 1903. The first communion set presented to the church by Joseph Killim in 1775. First book of records of the church and date of its organization, October 24, 1733. A Queen's arm gun owned by Miss Harriett Buck, with it the last bear known to have been killed in town was shot by her great-grandfather, Ephrium Buck, in 1760. The first town report of the year 1822. Indian relics loaned by Mr. A. T. Bond. Sundial, warming pan, foot stoves, and a fine collection of pictures, some of which were very ancient, but in good order.

Among the visitors from a distance were noticed: Rev. S. S. Mathews, Danielson, Conn.; Rev. H. S. Dow and wife, of Shelburne Falls, Mass.; Miss Ida Abbott of New York; Miss Mary Tolman, Manchester, N. H.; Lottie Buck Readio, Pawtucket; Kate Milligan, Gloucester; Emily Skilton and Kate Walker of Lowell.

Thursday morning found the mothers packing lunch baskets and soon on their way to the picnic at Silver Lake, where it was estimated that 500 people were present. The North Reading band furnished the music of the day. The sports were begun at 10 o'clock, and were won by: 100 yard dash, Harry Swain; 75 yard dash for ladies, Mrs. Henry Lynch; hop, step and jump, 35 feet, 8 inches, Brewster Butters; throwing hammer, 83 feet, Patrick Rooney; caramel race, Mrs. John Lynch; potato race, Mrs. Henry Lynch; 4-oared boat race, Bigelow and Lynch; boys' boat race, Ernest Burbeck; 4-oared boat race for ladies, Mrs. Henry Lynch, Olive Wilbur; single boat race, Henry Lynch, ladies' boat race, Olive Wilbur; canoe for men, Lynch and Bigelow; boys' canoe, Robins and Burbeck; swimming match for men, Ernest Swain; boys under 18 years, Frank Marvin. In the afternoon there was a baseball game between the Silver Lakes and Wilmingtons, score 7 to 1 in favor of Silver Lake. Everyone seemed perfectly happy and hoped that Old Home week would be a per-

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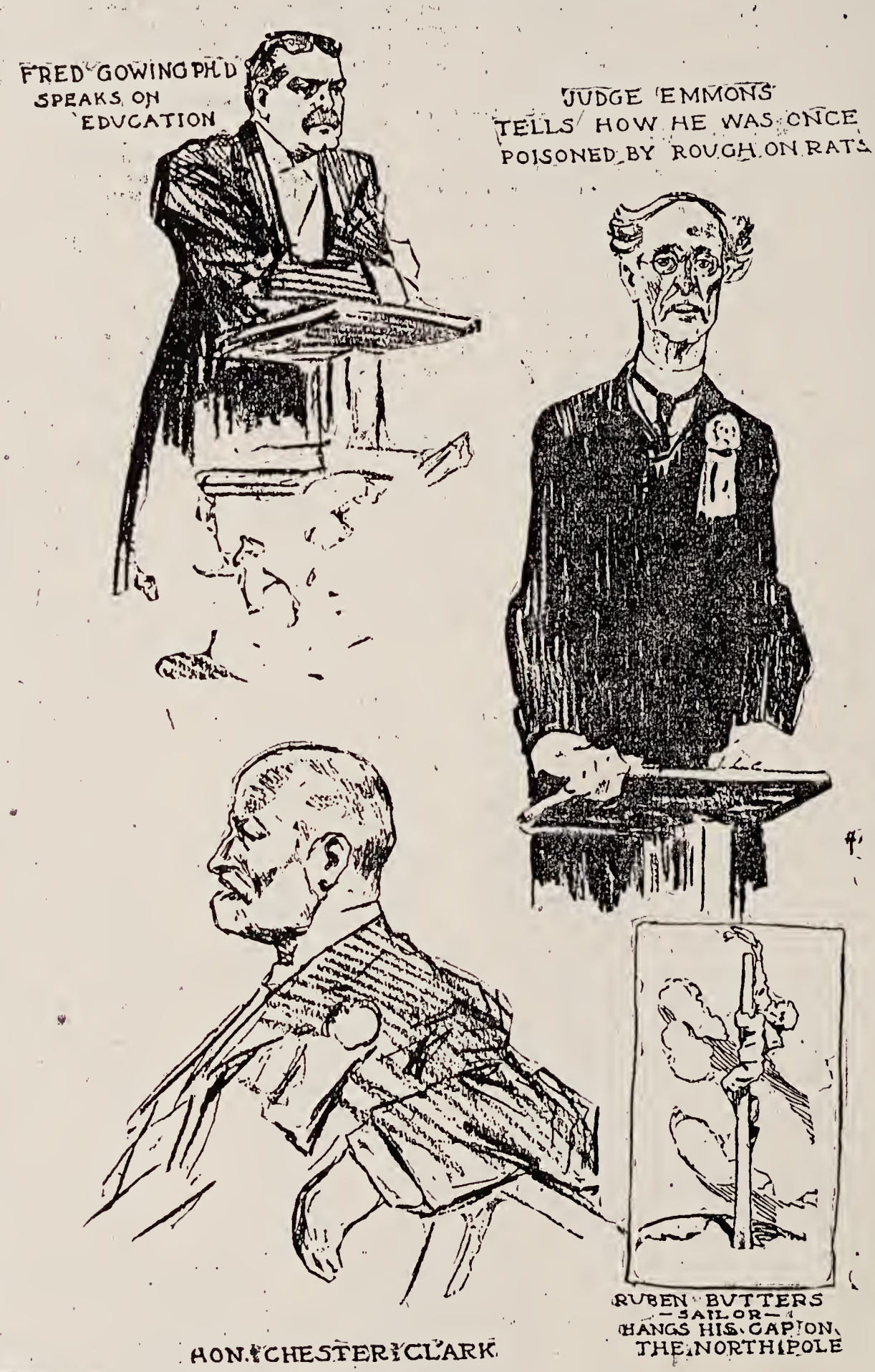

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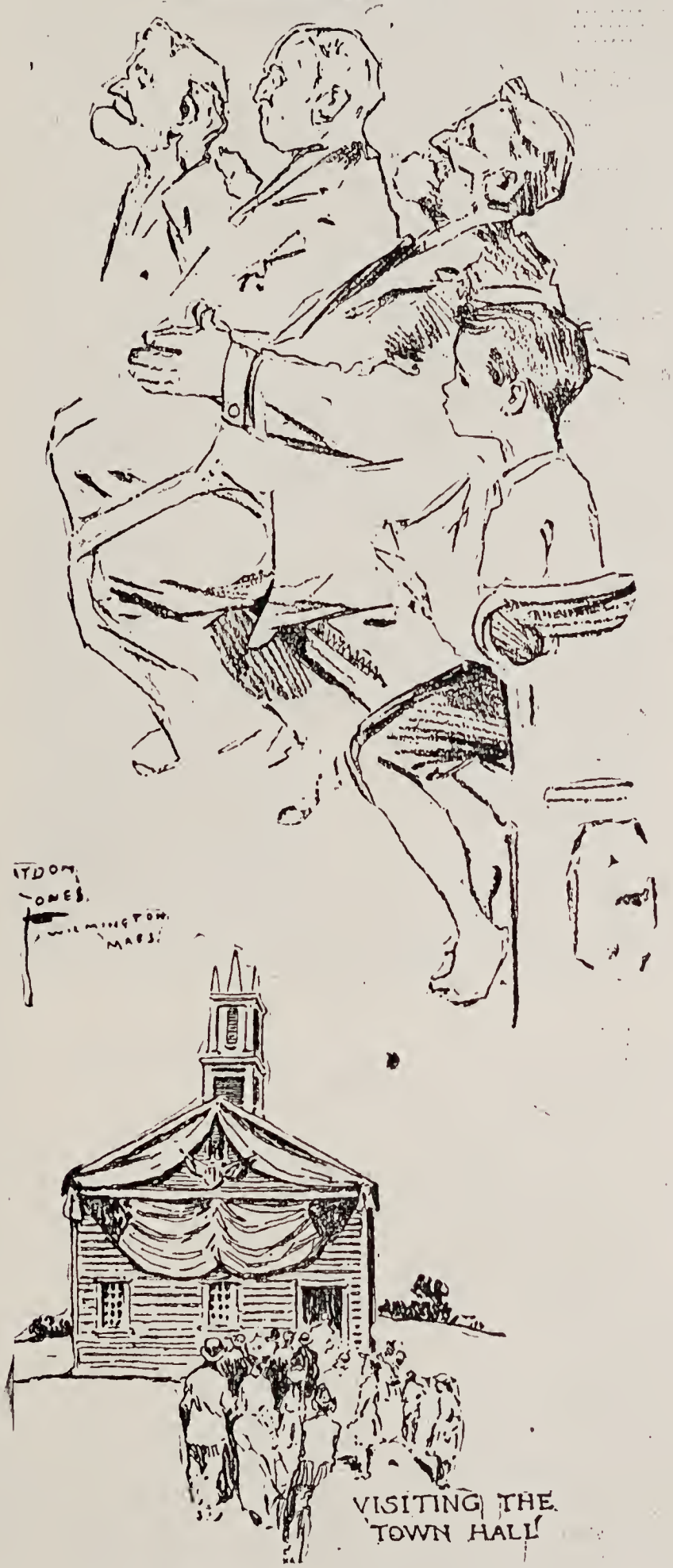

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Congregationalists of the Town Have Many Old-Home Visitors to Assist in Services.

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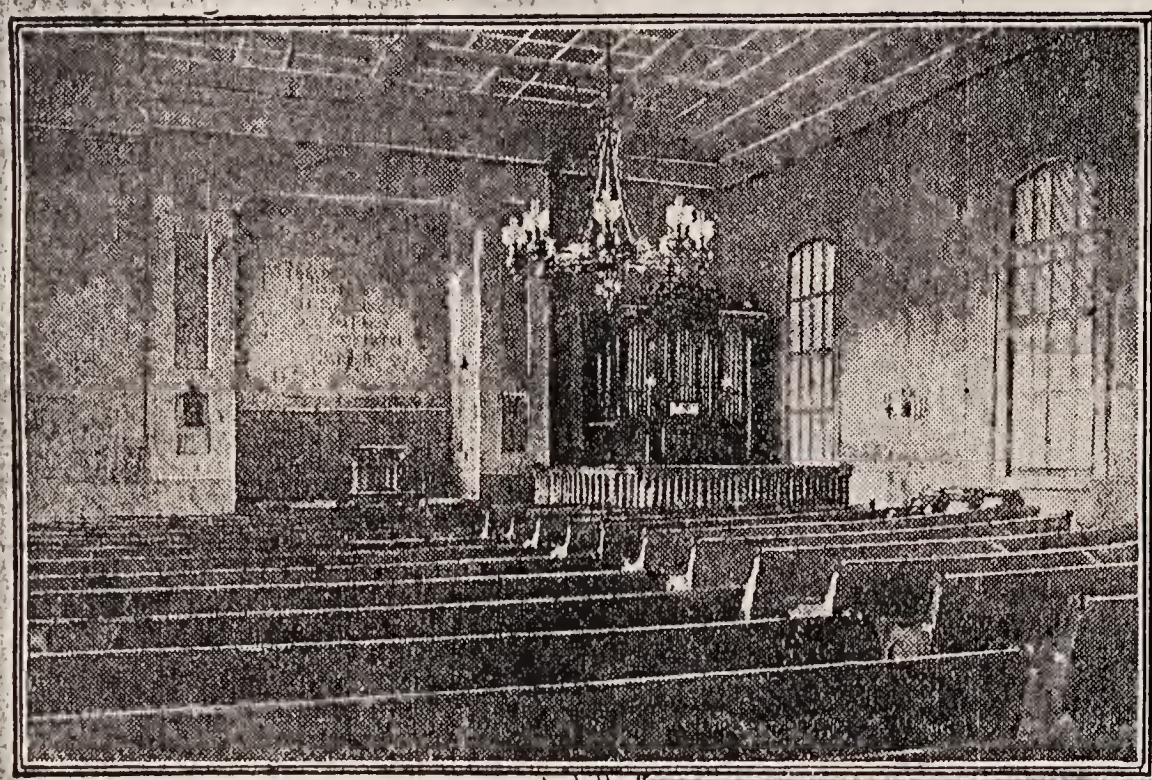

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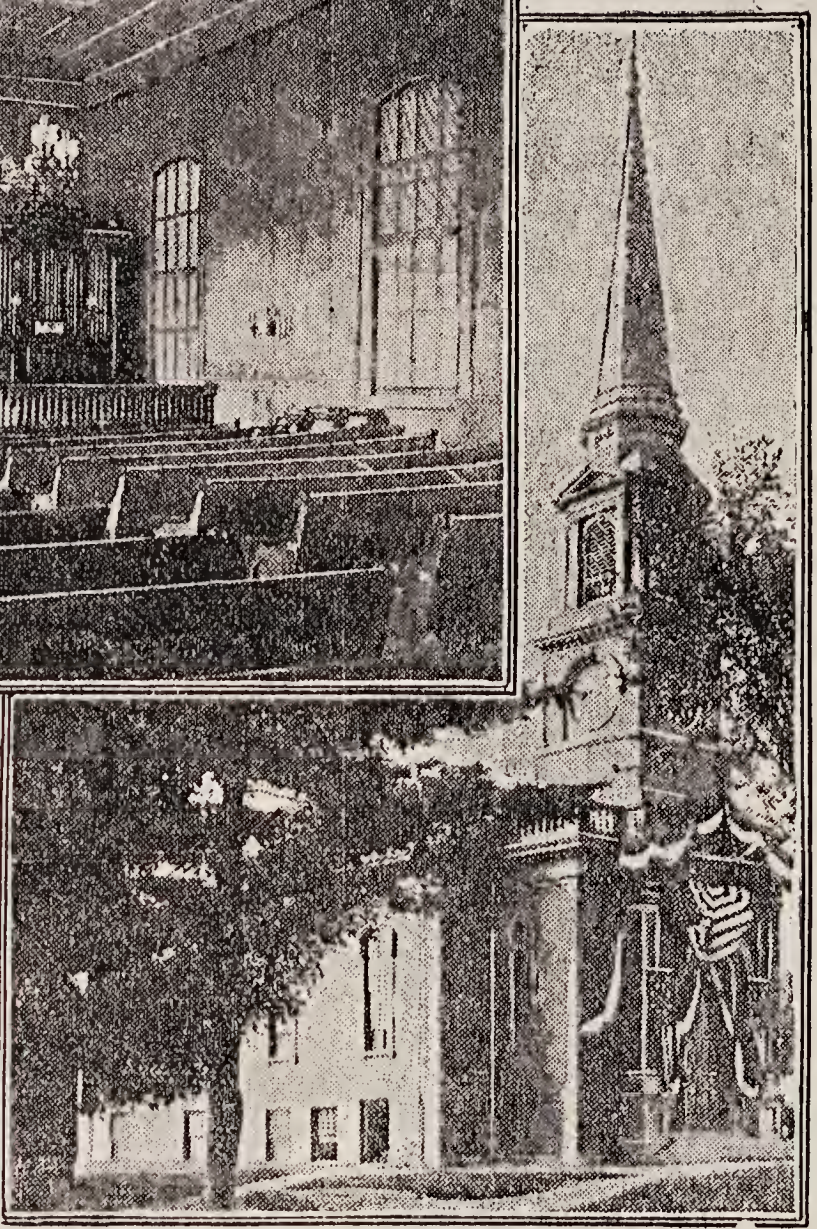

CONG. CHURCH·WILMINGTON·

WILMINGTON, July 31 — Old-home week was opened with church services today.

At the Methodist church Rev Robert C. Johnson, pastor, took for his text the 137th psalm, telling the story of the homesickness of the Israelites in Babylonia, and describing the influence of the New England home on character.

REV W. H. ROLLINS,
Pastor of the Congregational Church, Wilmington.

At St Thomas' church the sermon was preached by Rev M. J. Locke, OSA. Special music was rendered under the leadership of Miss Alice McMahon, organist. Emerson's mass in E was sung. "O, Salutaris," was rendered by Messrs Doucette and McMahon, "Ave Maria" by Miss McMahon and the "Benedictus" by Louis McMahon.

The Congregational church held two notable services, one commemorative of old-home week at 10:45, and one of rededication at 4. The newly decorated and refurnished edifice was crowded at each.

The morning program was: Organ voluntary by Arthur O. Buck, the church organist; anthem, "Our Land, O Lord, with Songs of Praise," choir, with solo by Mrs W. H. Rollins; invocation by the pastor, Rev W. H. Rollins; response, Sullivan's "Hymn of the Home Land," choir; solo, "My Shepherd is the Living God," Miss Pauline W. Hatch of Malden; remarks by the pastor; sermon by Rev Dr S. S. Matthews of the Westfield Congregational church of Danielsonville, Conn, and pastor of the church in Wilmington in 1871-75.

Dr Matthews took as his text Isaiah ix. 6, "His name shall be called Wonderful." He showed the conspicuous truth of the prophecy as applied to Christ's origin, the preparations for his coming, the circumstances attending his birth, his life, death, resurrection and ascension, and the scope of his plan of salvation.

Organist Buck rendered Lemmen's "Marche Pontificate" for a postlude. Congregational singing was interspersed.

A pleasing feature of the morning service was the response of the people to an appeal of the pastor to clear off a small deficit of about $50 on the repairs of the church. In five minutes the people, who had already contributed nearly $3000 to this purpose, raised $65, and wiped out every obligation.

A register was opened in the church vestibule and scores of old-time residents and visitors recorded their attendance.

The afternoon exercises began at 4. The program was long, and the weather was intensely hot, but the interested audience remained until the close. The program: Prelude in C (merkel) by Arthur O. Buck; doxology; invocation by Rev J. Harold Dale of Billerica; anthem, "O! How Amiable" (Buck), choir; Scripture reading by Rev Robert C. Johnson of the Methodist church; hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King," congregation; sermon by Prof Dr William H. Ryder of Andover; anthem, "Blessed Are They That Dwell in Thy House" (Tours), choir; "Retrospect and Prospect," Rev Walter H. Rollins, the pastor; ceremony of rededication by pastor and people in responsive readings; prayer of dedication by Rev F. A. Wilson of Andover; solo, "Hills of God" (Nevins), by Mrs Rollins; words of congratulation, from the church of Our Fathers, Rev A. P. Davis of Wakefield; from Woburn conference, Rev Frank S. Hunnewell of Reading; from the former pastor, Rev Dr Matthews; dedication hymn (sung at the dedication of the present church edifice in 1866), "O, Thou, Whose Own Vast Temple Stands"; benediction by the pastor; postludium in D (Merkel), Arthur O. Buck.

The week's program begun so auspiciously will be continued on Wednesday and Thursday.

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A more perfect day could not have been made than Sunday, the entering in of Old Home Week. Services were held at the M. E. church with appropriate sermon by the pastor, and also at the St. Thomas church. At the Congregational church there was a large audience, about 350 at the morning service. There were many old friends, some coming from quite a distance to visit once more the scenes of their childhood. The sermon was by Rev. S. S. Matthews, who preached here 30 years ago. During the service a collection was taken, amounting to $65, which cancelled the remaining debt on church repairs. The church looked very neat and cozy with a new carpet and cushions. The programme for the morning was: prayer by Rev. Walter Rollins; responsive reading; anthem by choir; sermon by Rev. S. S. Mathews, text, Isa ix. 6, "His name shall be called wonderful;" choir, "The Homeland." Mrs. Rollins sang the solo very sweetly. The choir consisted of Mrs. Rollins, Miss Willa Crooker, Miss Hatt, Miss Edna Eames, Mrs. Helen Buck, Mrs. Emma Perry, Miss Ruth Cole, Mr. John T. Wild, George Allen, Ryson Eames, Sydney Buck, Mr. Arthur Buck, organist. At 4 o'clock p. m.: service of rededication; prelude; doxology; invocation, Rev. J. Harold Dale, Billerica; anthem, "Oh, How Amiable;" Scripture reading, Rev. Robert Johnson of the M. E. church; singing, "Come, Thou Almighty King;" sermon, Prof. W. H. Ryder, D. D., of Andover; anthem, "Blessed Are They That Dwell in Thy House;" "Retrospect and Prospect," Rev. W. H. Rollins; prayer of dedication, Rev. F. A. Wilson, Andover; solo, "Hills of God," Mrs. W. H. Rollins; words of congratulation, from the Church of Our Fathers, 1664, Wakefield, Rev. A. P. Davis; from Woburn conference, Rev. F. S. Hunnewell of Reading; from our pastor of former days, Rev. S. S. Mathews; dedication hymn; benediction. Mrs. James Towne, an old resident, with her husband, was present at the service from Orange, N. J..

Mrs. Neille (Clapp) Goodwin, who was born in town and went to Stockton, Cal., some 30 years ago, is in town for Old Home Week, this being her first visit since she left town.

CHURCH IN WILMINGTON CHANGES APPEARANCE

Stained Glass Windows and Painting to be Finished Soon

Work is nearly completed on the improvements that are being made on the Congregational church in Wilmington, and the stained glass windows will be all installed within a few days. There are ten new windows, four large ones and a small one on each side. The windows are in three section. The lower ones swing on pivots, the upper ones pull in from the top, and the middle ones are stationary. Each window has a diamond shaped pane of harmoniously blended colors, surrounded by amber colored glass.

The church, when it has received the last three coats of white will present the most imposing and attractive appearance that it has for many years. The weather vane has been repaired and will be re-gilded and the town is spending $35 on repairs on the clock. The dial is being rehabilitated and fresh gold leaf is being applied to the numerals. The hearse house which is adjacent to the horse sheds is likewise being freshened with a coat of paint by the town.

The committee in charge of the work consists of Dr. George F. Dodge, chairman, Robert Carter and Edgar C. Folkins, together with Rev. George J. Bloomfield, pastor. Dr. Dodge has been giving his attention to the raising of funds and although the canvass has not been completed, in the neighborhood of $800 has been pledged. Robert Carter is superintending the installation of the windows.

WILMINGTON CHURCH TO GET NEW PAINT

Congregational Edifice Will Resume Color of Years Ago

Ladders have been raised against the spire of the Congregational church edifice in Wilmington and an examination is being made of the topmost section of the spire to ascertain its condition. The church building is to undergo extensive repairs which are to include painting and the installation of modern windows.

The painting contract has been let to F. A. Seabury of Wakefield. Already a sum in excess of $500 has been subscribed for the improvements members of the church and others having responded to the call which was made by Rev. George J. Bloomfield some few weeks ago for funds. Several members came forward at once and made voluntary contributions. Dr. George F. Dodge has been successful in raising the greater part of the money by personal solicitation. Dr. Dodge undertook this task on condition that the edifice should be painted white, the color which it bore for many years after its erection in 1865. This met the views of the committee and likewise of many members and attendants of the church. The building is at present a chocolate brown.

The exact cost of the work cannot be predicted until it is known to what extent the upper part of the steeple will have to be repaired, as work at that altitude is expensive, the men who do that work being paid five dollars a day.

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Wilmington Church Is 175 Years Old

THE WILMINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND ITS PASTOR, THE REV. GEORGE J. BLOOMFIELD. THE CHURCH CELEBRATES ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY TODAY.

WILMINGTON, Oct. 23.—Tomorrow the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Congregational Church of this town will be begun.

This is one of the very few churches in this part of the State or in any part of the country that have lived successfully through so many years of steady and consistent church life.

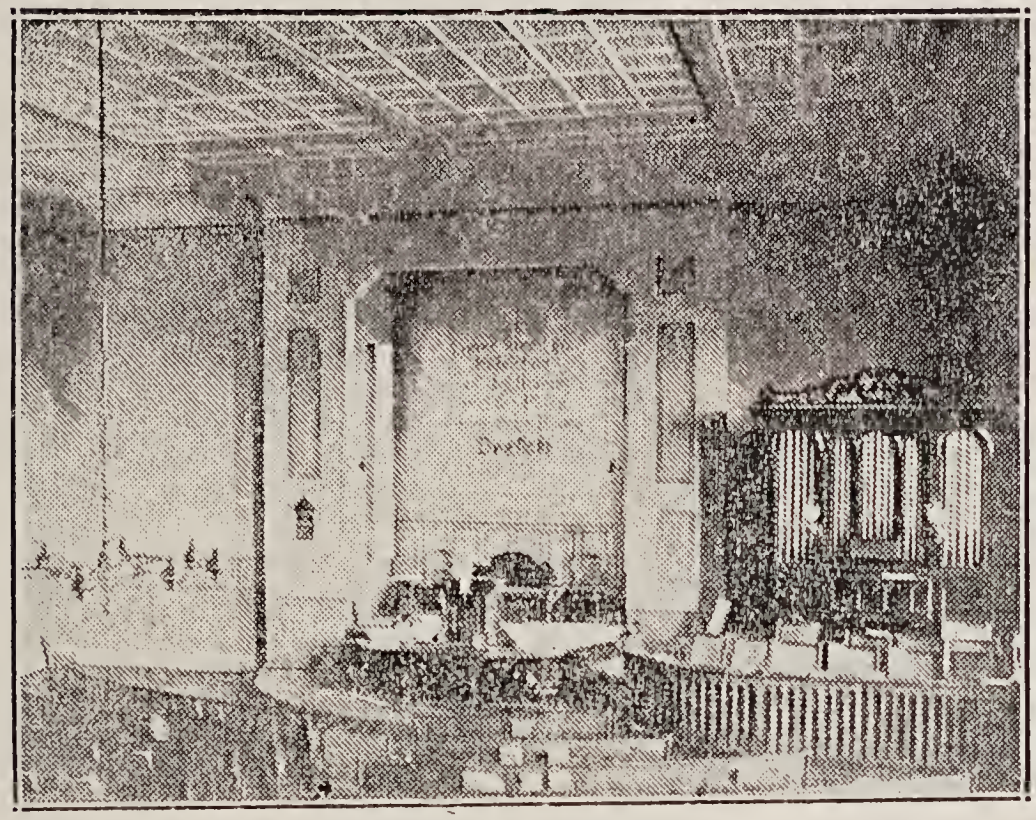
During these 175 years there have been three buildings that have borne the name of the Wilmington Congregational Church. The first was torn down for the erection of a larger building, which in after years was burned to the ground. The present edifice was erected in 1864.

Since 1733 the church has had 13 pastors, including the Rev. George J. Bloomfield, who now occupies the pulpit.

The celebration will start tomorrow with a devotional service in the church, conducted by the Rev. J. Harold Dale of Billerica, and the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Bloomfield, will deliver the address of welcome. Greetings from the mother church and from the Woburn conference will be given by the Rev. Stephen A. Morton, D. D., and the Rev. Thomas Sims, D. D., and the historical address will be given by the Hon. Chester W. Clark, a Boston lawyer.

The churches of other denominations located in or near this town are joining in the celebration.

Wilmington Congregational Church to Celebrate



INTERIOR OF THE WILMINGTON CHURCH.

Will Observe the 175th Anniversary of Its Founding.

Wilmington, Oct. 22.—The Congregational church, which will observe the 175th anniversary of its founding, Oct. 24, 25 and 29, is only three years the junior of the town itself. The original territory, which was given the name of Wilmington, comprised the northeasterly section of Woburn and the westerly section of Reading.

The petitioners to the general court in asking for the partition and new designation gave as the principal reason for their action "that the region is so remote for the public worship of God in either of said towns."

This appeal for more opportunities for worship met with legislative approval and the new township so formed was named Winmington, Sept. 25 (O. S.), 1730. Two years later a meeting house was erected, and in 1733 the church was legally organized with 17 male members. The simple, unpretentious structure served the young parish until 1813, when it was succeeded by a larger and more substantial building measuring 46 by 30 by 20, the "body of the house to be all of oak."

This church was destroyed by fire in 1861, and the present edifice was built shortly after. In 1904 the interior was remodeled at an expense of $3000, the amount being raised by subscription.

The pastors of this ancient church comprise Rev. James Varney 1733-39, Rev. Isaac Morrill 1741-93, Rev. Freegrace Reynolds 1795-1830, Rev. Francis Norwood 1831-42, Rev. Barnabas M. Fay 1845-50, Rev. Joseph E. Swallow 1851-56, Rev. Samuel H. Tolman 1856-70, Rev. Benjamin A. Robie 1871-74, Rev. S. Sherberne Mathews 1874-75, Rev. Daniel P. Noyes 1877-85, Rev. Elijah Harmon 1885-90, Rev. Walter H. Rollins 1900-'06. Rev. George J. Bloomfield has been the pastor since Rev. Mr. Rollins resigned to accept a more important charge at Waterloo, Ia.

The townspeople will unite in paying fitting tribute to the church's nearly two centuries of usefulness in this community, of whose life its history has been an integral part. Details of the impressive anniversary observance have been under consideration for several months by a committee comprising Rev. George J. Bloomfield chairman, Miss Carrie M. Swain secretary, Hon. Chester W. Clark, A. Porter Pearson, Herbert N. Buck, Mrs. Daniel T. Buzzell and George L. Allen. The supper Saturday evening will be under the direction of the Ladies' Benevolent society, Mrs. G. J. Bloomfield president. Mrs. J. Howard Eames is chairman of the supper committee and Mrs. D. T. Buzzell and Miss Maria W. Carter form the decoration committee.

The program: Oct. 24 at 2.45 p. m., devotional service led by Rev. J. Harold Dare of Billerica; address of welcome by Rev. Geo. J. Bloomfield; greetings from the mother church, Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D., Woburn; address, Rev. Daniel March, D. D., Woburn; singing; greetings from the Woburn conference, Rev. Thomas Sims, D. D., Melrose; historical address, Hon. Chester W. Clark; solo, "Abide With Me," Mrs. John K. Macdonald of Wakefield; singing, benediction, Rev. D. Augustine Newton of Winchester. A social hour will follow.

Oct. 24 at 6 p. m. there will be a supper. Responses will be "Our Sister Churches," Rev. John H. Hoffman of North Reading; "Our Neighbors," Rev. Otto T. Martin, pastor, M. E. church, Wilmington; poem, "Our Heritage," Miss Maria W. Carter; "Our Town," John W. Hathaway, chairman board of selectmen; "Our Ladies," Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell of Reading; solo, "The Red, Red Rose," Miss Harmon of Randolph; Our Duty," Rev. Dr. S. Sherberne Mathews of Boston.

Sunday, Oct. 25: At 10.45 a. m. there will be an anthem, "I Will Praise the Name of God With Song," choir; reception of members; sermon by the pastor; solo, "Face to Face," Miss Edna H. Eames. At 3.45 p. m. reading of Scripture by Rev. George M. Jones of Burlington; prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Tilton of North Woburn; response by male quartet; address, "The Fact of the Christ Life," by Rev. Austin Rice of Wakefield; solo, "I'm a Pilgrim," Miss Katherine Janet Huskie of Melrose; address, "The Building of a Church," Rev. Charles F. Carter of Lexington; quartet selection, benediction by Rev. O. T. Martin.

Thursday, Oct. 29, at 7.45, in place of the regular mid-week meeting, Rev. Hugh MacCallum of Walpole will speak on "Our Auxiliaries."

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OLD HOME DAY TOMORROW

Wilmington Celebrates Setting Off of Town from Reading and Woburn—Church Anniversary on Sunday

The historical events that led to the setting off of Wilmington from the towns of Reading and Woburn will be commemorated at Old Home Day ceremonies that will be held in Wilmington, Oct. 3, on which day a general home-coming of former residents and their descendants is planned in connection with an observance of the anniversary of the founding of the Wilmington Congregational Church. It is expected that several hundred old-time residents or their descendants will return for the reunion, which is to occupy two days.

The exercises strictly pertaining to the church anniversary will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4, in the church itself and will be of a union nature. The civic program of Saturday will be entirely nondenominational, the clergy and leading members of all the churches in Wilmington having expressed the greatest sympathy with the celebration, in arranging which Rev. Arthur A. Simmons, pastor of the Congregational Church, has been the moving spirit, being assisted by many citizens, both in and out of his congregation.

A parade, with floats and characters emblematic of leading events in the town life, will start at 2.00 p. m. Saturday, from Grange Hall, and will proceed to Wilmington Depot and return, using Church street, Main street and Middlesex avenue. Immediately following the parade the green between the church and the town hall will be used as a stage to present a pageant in five episodes illustrative of the origin and early history of the town. These will be: 1—Indian Encampment; 2—Killing of the Last Bear, in which the gun used in that exploit will be displayed; 3—Canal Boat of the old Middlesex Canal; 4—Discovery of the Baldwin Apple; 5—Early Settler's Home.

Following the pageant, Mrs. Nellie Friend of North Wilmington will give a talk in the church, her subject being "Prepare ye the Way," a message in child psychology. An old fashioned supper will be served in the church vestry Saturday evening, and this, like the luncheon served there and under the great pines of the church grounds Sunday noon, will afford an opportunity for old timers to fraternize with the townsfolk and renew old associations.

Former pastors of the church are expected to assist at the Sunday services. The Rev. Walter H. Rollins, who occupied the pulpit from 1900 to 1906, and now superintendent of Congregational Churches for the District of New York, will deliver the address Sunday morning, and at 4.00 p. m. Organist Gerald Frazee will give an organ recital. The Christian Endeavor Chapter will install its officers Sunday evening. The Rev. William F. Preston, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilmington, will take part in the exercises Sunday afternoon and with members of his church will participate in the parade and other activities of Saturday. The M. E. Church at South Tewksbury, a branch of the M. E. Church at Wilmington, will take part in the program of both days and may have a float in the parade.

Wilmington was erected into a town by act of the General Court passed in 1730, with the proviso that made it obligatory that a church be organized and a minister settled within three years in order that the charter should be operative. Accordingly the Congregational Church was "embodied" September 25, 1733. The township itself was formed from territory that originally was part of Lynn and Charlestown, although at the time the town was founded these territories constituted parts of Reading and Woburn respectively.

Churches of various denominations in Reading, Wakefield, Stoneham, Woburn, Burlington, Lynn, Charlestown and other neighboring places have been invited to join in the coming observance.

The Wilmington Congregational Church has just been redecorated and remodelled inside and painted outside. With the new arrangements the entire vestry, with the exception of the kitchen, can be thrown into one room, although the Ladies' Parlor, long the headquarters of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the church, retains its identity. The kitchen has been thoroughly renovated, with running water and glass doors in the china and utensil closets, and the church now prides itself on having a modern vestry, with hardwood floors and indirect lighting. The Sunday School has received a number of gifts, one of them an oak bookcase for the primary department, being from Mrs. Gladys Swenson, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Ida (Perry) Lowe, who for many years was head of of that department. New hymnals have been presented by the Philathea Bible Class.

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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH in Wilmington, Mass., upon the completion of quite extensive renovations in its house of worship, extends a cordial invitation to its friends to attend an

Old Home Celebration

Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4, 1925.

The program on Saturday opens with a parade and pageant, starting at 2.00 o'clock from Grange hall. This is followed by sale of food, vegetables, candy, preserves, etc.; a supper from 5.00 to 7.30, at thirty-five cents; and an entertainment, contributed by various Church and town organizations.

Sunday Services

10.30—Church worship, with sermon by Dr. Walter H. Rollins, a former minister, now Secretary of the New York State Conference.

Refreshments will be served to all after the morning service.

12.10—The Sunday School will hold their Rally Day services in the auditorium.

4.00—Recital by Mr. Gerald F. Frazee on our fine new organ; followed by a praise service, using our new Hymnals, presented by the Philathea Class.

5.45—Installation service by the Y. P. S. C. E., with speaker.

Our homes are open to our visitors, and any one desiring entertainment over Saturday night please communicate with the pastor. A hearty welcome awaits you.

In behalf of the Church,
A. A. Simmons, Pastor

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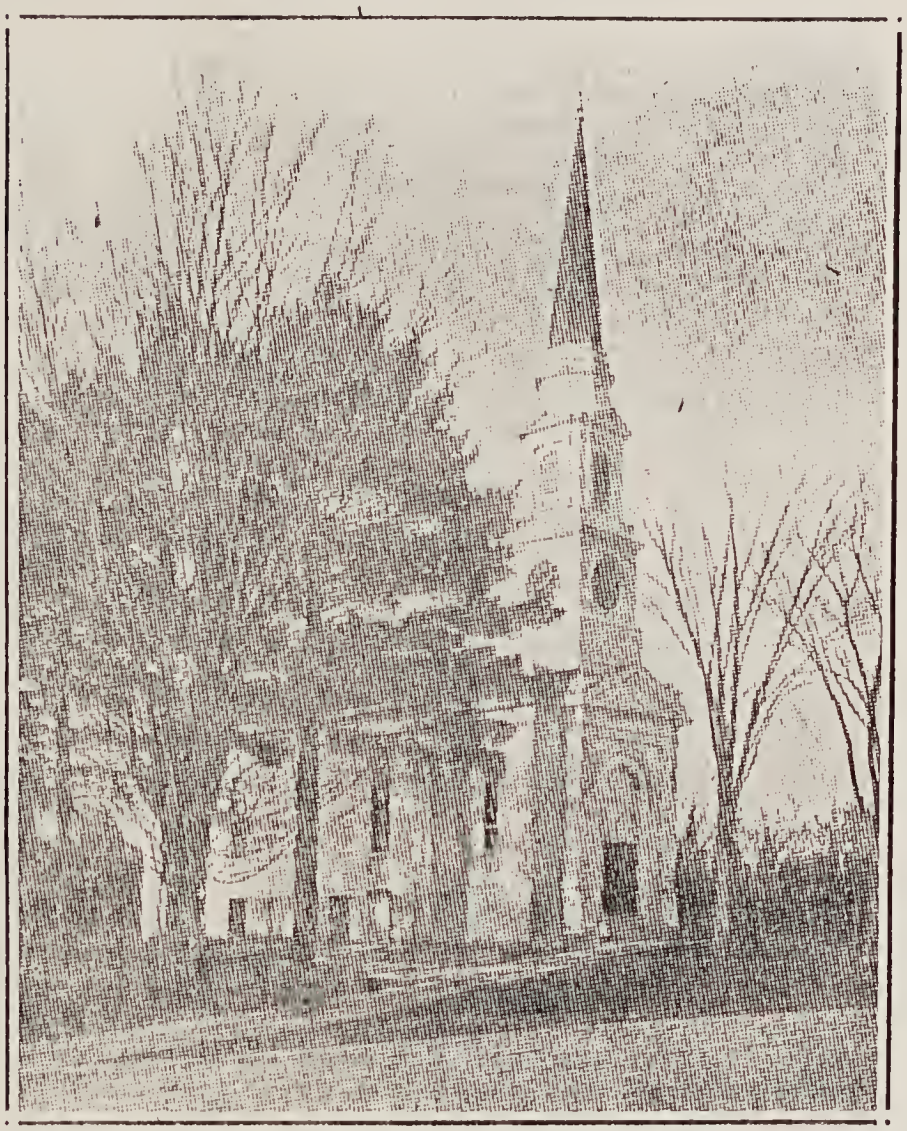
WILMINGTON TOWN AND CHURCH TO CELEBRATE 195TH BIRTHDAY

All People of Community to Aid in Saturday's Parade and Pageant



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON, Oct 1—History of 195 years of growth and progress will be reviewed here on Saturday and Sunday of this week, when a joint Old-Home Day and anniversary celebration will be held by the members of the First Congregational Church and the people of the town as a whole. A parade which will probably include every one of prominence in the town and a pageant of a historic nature have been arranged for the occasion. Special services will be held in the church and every possible means will be taken to entertain the thousand or so guests who will flock to their home town of other years for the gala days.

The church has been recently rebuilt, and with the installation of many modern improvements will be in fine condition for the ceremonies.

Saturday will be the day for the people of the town as a whole, and, although the community has taken no official part in the preparation, the people of all the denominations, sects and creeds have turned to and made outstanding accomplishments in that line. The Sunday observance will be confined to the Congregational group, although invitations have been extended to every one to assist in the program and to enjoy the addresses.

Church and Town Born Same Day

On the same day in 1730, that the town of Wilmington was incorporated by a special act of the Legislature, the First Congregational Church came into being. Through the intervening years it has played a great part in the education and growth of the town. Since the first day that Rev Mr Varney ascended the rude pulpit in those early colonial days, a long, unbroken line of representative ministers has extended down to Rev Arthur A. Simmons, who is the present pastor. Mr Simmons was a Y. M. C. A. worker, having been with the association in Siberia, Egypt and Germany. Before coming here he served in the Eliot Congregational Church in Roxbury.

Edward N. Neilsen is in charge of the parade, which will open the program. It will be formed at Grange Hall and at 2 p m will move up Wildwood st to Middlesex av and around the triangle to Main and Church sts, including Wilmington sq en route.

Makeup of Procession

The procession will be led by "Indians" on horseback and a squad of officers. Representatives from every church and every branch of the local government will be in line, as will groups from the lodges of Masons, Odd Fellows, Eastern Star, Rebekahs, Grange, Boy Scouts, Catholic Club, Legion, Philatheas, L. B. S., Epworth League and Christian Endeavor. The Alpha, the town paper, which plays an important part in the social and business life of the town, will have a float. A barge emblematic of the founding of the church and floats illustrative of the several stages of the history of the place will next appear, as will horse-drawn and motor vehicles, illustrating changes in the mode of travel as the years progressed. Many prominent citizens will follow the line in undecorated motors. Attractive prizes have been offered for those entering beautiful and comic floats in the parade.

Historic Pageant

After the disbanding of the parade will come the historic pageant on the lawn of the church, touching on significant parts of the development of the district. Episode No. 1 will portray the Indian council of peace which took place following the accidental killing of a squaw by a white man's team of oxen. The redskins instituted a reprisal in which a white woman and several children were killed. Guerilla warfare existed for a time, until the council and arbitration, which will be illustrated.

The second episode will show the killing of the last bear, symbolizing the final arrival of civilization. A feature of this will be the actual gun which was used. The third will be a canal boat scene of the old days, when the Middlesex Canal was the sole means of transportation between Lowell and Boston, when the principal industry of the townspeople here, aside from supplying hops to a thirsty district, was assisting in the work on the great waterway.

The fourth will show the discovery of the Baldwin apple, which owes its present popularity to the fact that a Wilmington man discovered it growing wild in the woods. The fifth will depict the home life of the earliest settlers and their mode of carrying on their household tasks and chores.

Exercises in the Church

Directly following this a lecture, "Prepare Ye the Way," will be read in the auditorium by Miss Nellie A. Friend of North Wilmington. An old-fashioned supper will be served in the vestry between 5 and 7:30 p m, under the direction of Mrs Harry DeLorreia and Mrs Emma Perry.

Sunday at 10:30 a m Rev Walter H. Rollins will conduct jubilee services. Mr Rollins served as pastor here about 20 years ago and is familiar to many of the people. The yearly installation of officers of the Christian Endeavor Society will be conducted by Rev Halah Loud, formerly of the church. Sunday Rally Day exercises will be held by the church school, under W. A. Rogers of Nashua, who was superintendent of the schools at the time Mr Rollins was at the church here.

At noon a luncheon and get together festival will be held, with a general reunion of the past and present members of the parish. At 4 an organ recital will be given by Gerald Foster Frazee in the auditorium. Children of the late Rev Samuel H. Tolman, Daniel Parker Noyes, Samuel S. Mathews and Elijah Harmon, all formerly ministers of the church, have been invited to attend.

Rev Arthur A. Simmons is in general charge of all details, assisted by Frank Tiffany, Mr and Mrs Charles Alden, Helen Buck, Olivia Noreross, Mrs Esther Nichols, Mr and Mrs Harry DeLorreia, Caroline Swain, Aldice Eames, Mary G. Swain, Emma Porry, Mrs Irven C. Eaton, Arthur W. Eames and Catherine Pettengill.

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Wilmington Congregationalists at Services

[Special Dispatch to The Herald]

WILMINGTON, Oct. 4—Special services at the Congregational Church today ended the Old Home celebration, which began yesterday morning and was featured by a parade, pageantry and family reunions. The services today at the church marked its 192d anniversary and the edifice was crowded with parishioners, former parishioners and members from other denominations.

The preacher at the morning service was the Rev. Walter H. Rollins, who was pastor of the church from 1900 to 1906 and who is now district superintendent of Congregational churches in New York state. He spoke of the history and activities of the Wilmington Congregational Church since its establishment in 1733, and in this connection stressed the point that there must be a reason for its unbroken years of service. Such institutions, he said, did not exist merely because they were institutions, but because they served mankind and the community.

AFTERNOON SERVICE

An organ recital by Gerald Foster Frazee, formerly of Wilmington and now organist of the Free Church in Andover, preceded the afternoon service. There was also a meeting of the young people of the Christian Endeavor Society, who were addressed by the Rev. Halah H. Loud in an intimate and reminiscent talk of his many years of connection with the organization.

Many relatives of former pastors of the Congregational church were among those who attended the special services. Prof. Atherton Noyes of Harvard, son of the late Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, who filled the pastorate 40 years ago, was present at the morning service. Also two daughters of the late Rev. Elijah Harmon, Miss May Harmon of Rockport and Mrs. Lucy Hosmer of Montvale.

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OLD HOME DAY CELEBRATION

192nd Anniversary of the Wilmington Congregational Church

Wilmington awoke to the sound of rain on the morning of Oct. 3, the first day of the Old Home Celebration to which our whole town had been looking forward for weeks. But not even the rain could daunt Wilmington's spirit, and about 2.30 P. M., the parade, somewhat shorter than had been planned, it is true, left the Grange Hall. The floats were all excellent, and two of the automobiles, those of Mr. Grossman and Mr. Pettingill, were prettily decorated. The good sportsmanship of the men and women who went over the route in the rain or smiling under dripping umbrellas, was worthy of the various good causes which they represented. After the parade the crowd filled the Grange Hall for the Pageant, which was under the able direction of Miss Olivia Norcross, Mrs. Guy Nichols, picturing scenes in the History of Wilmington: The Indian Encampment, The Last Bear, and An Old Settler's House. It had been intended to present the Pageant on the steps of the Church in true Medieval style, but owing to the weather the Grange Hall was generously offered and gratefully accepted. This meant, however that the scenes representing the Old Canal Boat, and the Discovery of the Baldwin Apple, had to be given up. Fortunately they had been seen as floats in the parade. The tableaux were charming and showed the care and thought that had been expended upon them. Beautiful prizes, given by—A Silver Cup, Mr. Clyde Thompson; Candle Sticks, Mrs. Eddie Neilson; Clock and Mirror combined by The Chevrolet Co.; Electric Toaster, Mr. Gray of the Municipal Electric Light Company of Reading. They were presented by Mr. Alden Eames to Messrs. Currier and Boutwell, for the Canal Boat, which was excellent; Candle Sticks to Mr. Grossman for his automobile decorated as Autumn; Toaster to Miss Mary Currier, for the best representation of an Indian and the Clock and Mirror to Mr. Randolph Wills for the funniest entry in the parade. After the Pageant downstairs in the Ladies' Parlor, a miniature fair was in progress, where fancy articles, preserves, ice cream, tonics, post cards of the most historic and interesting parts of Wilmington were on sale.

The supper, served by the ladies of the Congregational Church under the splendid leadership of Mrs. Harry De Loreia and Mrs. Charles Perry was excellent and between four and five hundred people were served. This was indeed an achievement by the committee, for it necessitated four sittings, and anyone who has served a church supper will realize what that means.

In the evening an enthusiastic audience listened to a very interesting program, cleverly planned by Mrs. Geo. Buck. The many organizations of the town had been asked to furnish a number and as a majority of them gladly complied the entertainment was varied and pleasing.

Sunday was a glorious day in every way. At the morning service the Congregational Church was full of happy people who had gathered from near and far. It was a beautiful service, made so both by the splendid music, the fine sermon, on "The Hope of the Gospel," by Mr. Rollins, a former pastor, and the inward grace of a wonderful spirit of friendliness and co-operation. For the first time the new hymnals, the beautiful gift of the Philathea Bible Class, were used and added much to the worship. Then followed the Rally Day of the Sunday School, planned by Mrs. Nellie Hayward, superintendent, and many people enjoyed it with the children. Mr. Rogers, a former superintendent, spoke of the old times when those who are now men and women grown were the little ones of the Sunday School. After the service there was a happy reunion of old friends, many of whom had not met for 20 years or more, and luncheon was served in the vestry, by the ladies of the Church, to all those who could stay. A birthday cake had been presented by Mr. Victor Friend, and the delicious hams for the sandwiches were given by one very good friend, Mr. Reed of Burlington. The Betsy Ross and Moorehouse Baking Company very generously presented the rolls for the supper.

In the evening a large audience enjoyed the delightful Organ Recital by Gerald Frazee. This was followed by the service of the Christian Endeavor with Installation of Officers. Mr. Loud, a former pastor, gave the young people a fine talk on faith, emphasizing the importance of the distinction between thinking and believing. Music by the choir and a solo by Mr. Oscar Hedberg, helped to make the service beautiful.

When the goodbyes were said and old friends parted, everyone agreed that it had been one of the happiest times that Wilmington had enjoyed for years. Much of the credit of the affair should be given to Mrs. Carl Pettingill, who had complete charge. Not the least important phase of this was the beautiful spirit in which the whole town worked together and the Congregational Church wishes to take this opportunity to thank the many friends and organizations who have so kindly co-operated in making their "Old Home Days" a success.

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AN APPROPRIATE MID-LENTEN OFFERING

Wilmington Women's Club first organization to give presentation in aid of the Bi-Centennial Fund.

Illustrated lecture on the Passion Play of Oberammergau to be given on Wednesday evening, April 2, in Grange Hall, at 8.15 o'clock with John Ward, lecturer, and Andrew A. McCarthy, baritone soloist.

John J. Ward, the lecturer, is a yearly visitor to Obermmergau and is particularly well qualifield to talk on the Passion Play.

Mr. Ward has the signal honor of being the personal and dear friend of Anton Lang, who has always been the Christus of the plays as well as friend of the other principal characters. For the past eight summers, he has been an honored guest in the Lang home.

Among his pictures are many intimate scenes of the simple family life of these mountain villagers. His anecdotes are delightfully personal and only one as near and dear to this "interesting heavenly family" as Mr. Ward could appreciate the true fervor of their spiritually religious love. Andrew A. McCarthy will sing several solos during the lecture. The bicentennial committee of the club, Mrs. D. Robert Carter, chairman, Mrs. George Buck and Miss Carolyn Swain with Mrs. Ford A. Hanscom as program director are in charge.

"WHAT ANNE BROUGHT HOME"

By 200th Aninversary Commitee

The Two Hundredth Anniversary Committee of the Town of Wilmington has selectel for their play, a three act comedy, "What Anne Brought Home."

This play has but recently closed a very long and sucessful run at one of New York's largest theatres and there is no doubt in the minds of the local committee, but that this show, to be staged at Grange Hall on June 9th and 10th with such a fine cast of local artists will be a great hit with all who attend this rolicking comedy.

The committee has also been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Louis Doucette as director, and everybody in the locality knows of his ability and theatrical reputation.

The cast is composed of Howard Bedell, Mrs. Stanley Webber, Doris Galloway, Stanley Webber, Michael Barry, Mary Fitzgerald, Burt Tilley, Muriel Gebhart and Roland Deming, who have been under strict rehearsals for the past month.

Tickets can be procured from any member of the Anniversary Committee or from the show cast. As a limited number of seats are to be held in reserve, it would be wise to secure your tickets as soon as possible.

The co-operation of all the people in the town is earnestly requested by the committee, as all money derived from this show is to be added to the general celebration fund, so kindly help out by purchasing a ticket for the play, "What Anne Brought Home."

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Committee Fully Organized, Ready to Start the Good Work. Funds to Defray Incidental Expenses.

Saturday, November 23rd, will be the first day, and the first start of the 200th Anniversary celebration, when a picked crew will solicit everyone in the town for the purpose of securing funds by the aid of a tag sale, to defray the necessary preliminary expenses of starting the plans for this most fitting observance.

This is one time for the citizenry of the town to rally to the support of the town, by giving, and giving, and giving until it hurts. The thought of everyone in town is to have this affair the biggest ever, and to have a real bang-up celebration, and it remains wholly for everyone to give to the utmost and aid the committee financially as well as doing your little bit of work when solicited by the various members of this new organization.

Everyone has been wondering when the committee would be fully organiz, ed and just when they wouud start something. They have organized, they are starting, so put your shoulder to the wheel and push, push, push.

The Wilmington 200th Anniversary Committee would like very much to place a small marker on your house. These markers would be about 18" x 10" of ¾ inch wood, neatly painted and would simply bear a number, the name of the house, and the date erected. May we have your permission to do so? I would appreciate it if you would let me know as promptly as possible.

Yours very truly,

Chairman, Decorating Committee

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Citizens to Begin First Work on World War Memorial Park Saturday.

Wilmington, July 31.

The citizenry of Wilmington will beat its golf clubs and tennis rackets into spades and pitchforks next Saturday afternoon and will pitch in to the best of their several abilities to take part in a "community day parking bee," to the end that the World War Memorial park may come into existence in full splendor.

The work will be accomplished over a long period of time, but will have its beginning Saturday, when several hundred local men, and possibly women, will gather at the abandoned town farm, the site of the projected park. The area exceeds 92 acres in extent and will be used both for recreational purposes and as a local beauty spot.

The 200th anniversary committee, in charge of the observance of the town's bi-centennial this September, is co-operating with the park commissioners in conducting the community day. The park is a project of the 200th anniversary group and will be dedicated during the course of the bi-centennial activities.

Edward N. Neilson and Thomas Morley, on the part of the 200th celebration committee, have discussed the park plans with Park Commissioners George Newcomb, Gardner Ritchie and Paul Todd, and the idea of a community day to launch the park construction resulted. Chairman Harry Deming of the committee is in charge of the plans for the day, the supervision of the work being under the Park commissioners. Selectman J. J. O'Leary has secured the use of the Town Highway department trucks and tractors, with drivers. Volunteer labor will bear the brunt of the heavy hauling and tugging, however. The embryonic Memorial park is a tract of land in rough country of great natural beauty. There is a brook and a small pond hidden in its reaches.

In years to come the persons responsible for the humble beginning of the park expect to see a beautiful reservation, with a playground attached, swimming pool, tennis courts and other recreational advantages. In the meantime, the improvements to be effected will be centred around Town Farm Hill, a comparatively small section of the park area. So, like the Puritans of old who paid their civic obligations in many instances by personal labor, the residents of Wilmington will wrest, by their own main strength, a beauty retreat and recreational centre from the fastness of a town poorhouse, for which there is no further call.

Lawrence G. Hanscom has been chosen press chairman of the 200th anniversary committee.

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And Massachusets Bay Tercentenary

PROGRAM.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

Salute to the Sunrise.

THURSDAY EVENING. 8 P.M. Tent on Common.

Music by Original Y. D. Band.
Vocal Solos by Mr. John Percival.
Greetings by Mrs. Edith N. Rogers, M. C.
Address by Fred L. Putnam.
Vocal Solos by Mr. John Percival.
Address by Hon. Thomas H. McGowan.
Music by Y. D. Band.
Hymn to America by Mr. John Percival and Band.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Demonstration by School Children on Common at 2.00.
Demonstration by Fire Department on Common at 3.30.

FRIDAY EVENING. 8 P.M.

Band Concert on Common.
Evening Demonstration by Fire Department on Common.
Dance in Grange Hall, 25 cents.

SATURDAY MORNING. Thompson's Grove, 10 to 12.

Sports. Events to be announced.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON. 3 P.M.

Parade. Start at Whitefield School, proceed along Middlesex Avenue, Clark, Main and Church streets.

Congregational Church. Organ Recital, Frank Natalli.
Vocal Selections, Mrs. Nichols and Miss Eames.

Open House. Catholic Club, Congregational Church, Methodist Church, Masonic Hall.

SATURDAY EVENING. 7 P.M.

Banquet in tent on Common.
Band.
Community Singing. Ralph Brown, Song Leader.
Harry Deming, Toastmaster.
After Dinner Speakers.
Entertainment.

DEDICATION OF PARK.

PROGRAM.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 3.30 P.M.

Mr. Edward N. Eames, Master of Ceremonies.

Band Concert.....
Call to order .....Mr. Edward N. Eames
Invocation..... Rev. Stead Thornton
Music.....
Address ..... Rev. A. A. Simmons
Address ..... Mrs. A. G. MacLeod
Reading of article in Town Warrant.....Mr. Ralph Currier
Presentation of Park to Park Commissioners... Mr. Walter Hale
Acceptance.....Mr. George Newcomb
Unfurling of American Flag.....Mr. Thomas Holmes
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Oration ..... Lieut. James Mullen
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BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION HERE TO BE MOST ELABORATE

Four Days of Jubilation to Mark 200th Anniversary of Town with Monster Parade, Sports, Banquet and Dedication of New Memorial Congresswoman Rogers and Others to Speak---Airplane Parade Over Town To Be A Feature

(By Laurence G. Hanscom)

Two centuries of growth and progress of the town of Wilmington will be reviewed here next week at the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the town. A program of jubilation beginning next Thursday and continuing through Sunday has been arranged and no effort will be spared to make the occasion of the town's 200th birthday the biggest event in its history.

The program for the celebration includes an anniversary meeting, parade, sports, banquet and the dedication of the new World War Memorial Park. A parade of airplanes over the town Saturday afternoon will be a feature.

Just at the time the Massachusetts Bay Colony was observing the centennial of the landing of Gov. Winthrop and the Puritans, the scattered residents of the outlying sections of Woburn, Reading and the so-called Land of Goshen became successful in a fight of nearly six years duration to have the north part of Woburn and the west part of Reading set off as a separate town of Wilmington. This was accomplished Sept. 25, 1730.

The observance of the 200th anniversary of that occasion will mean a four-day celebration commencing on Thursday, Sept. 25, and continuing to Sunday. A huge tent will be pitched on the Town Common, large enough to accommodate several thousand persons and most of the official meetings during the bi-centennial will be held there.

The town buidlings, business section and many of the private residences have been decorated with flags and bunting in honor of the occasion and the town, which has grown to a population of more than 4,000 persons will turn out in a body to the several gatherings for which Mrs. Herbert Barrows has arranged splendid programs as cahirman of entertainment.

There will also be thousands of out-of-town visitors, many of whom will remain for the entire four days, according to Michael J. Barry for the hospitality committee.

The ceremonies will begin Thursday morning with a salute to the sunrise. Fire and church bells will ring and the gods of noise in general will be invoked in recognition of Wilmington's big day.

The formal birthday party will take place Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the tent on the Common. Chairman Harry R. Deming, of the town committee for the bi-centennial, will be master of ceremonies at that time. The progra mwill be opened with music by the YD band with Gerald Foster Frazee of this town as director.

This will be followed by vocal solos by John Percival, baritons, winner of a recent Atwater-Kent audition, and widely known as a singer throughout the country.

Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Lowell, representative of this town in the National House, will be the first speaker. Frederick L. Putnam, clerk of the Superior Court at East Cambridge, will also speak. Mr. Putnam is the con in law of Hon. Levi Gould who was the speaker at the Wilmington Old Home Week celebration some years ago. Selections by the band will complete the program.

At 3 o'clock Friday afternoon there will be a demonstration in the tent by the school children of the town under the direction of Superintendent of Schools Stephen Bean. A demonstration by the fire department of the correct use of apparatus and the method of training firemen will take place at 3.30 that afternoon.

There will be a band concert by the YD band on the Common at 8 o'clock Friday night and an evening demonstration by the firemen. A dance will Grange at their hall on Wildwood st, also be given that night by the local as a part of the celebration.

Saturday morning the scene of operations will move to Thompson's Grove, Silver Lake, where an elaborate program of sports has been arranged by James J. Gilligan for the committee. The first event will be called at 10.30 and it is expected that the three-mile run for men, which will be the final and feature event of the meet, will be started at 12 o'clock. The course for the run has been tentatively set from the Grove to Wilmington and return. A number of entries have already been received.

Suitable prizes have been provided for all events, including cups, wrist watches, footballs, sweaters, shoes and badges. There will be cups for the first three in the three mile run, watches for each member of the winning team in a relay race to be run between several of the organizations of the town, and individual prizes for the other events. There will be events for all, divided into classes under and over 16 years.

Events in the meet include a 50-yard dash for boys, a dash for girls, 100-yar ddash for men, 75-yard dash for women, greased pole climb for boys, potato race, baseball throwing contest for girls, shoe race for mixed adults, a mized adults' obstacle race, a relay race for organizations and a

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special team race between two of the local schools.

One of the biggest parades the town has ever seen will start Saturday at 3 o'clock from the junction of Middlesex avenue, Glen road and Wildwood street and proceed down Middlesex avenue to Clark street, to Main street, Wilmington square, Church street, to the Common where it will disband.

While the parade is in progress a fiight of combat planes from the 26th Division Air Service will wing out from Boston Airport and stage an air parade of its own over Wilmington, thrilling the town with the first aerial procession it has ever seen. The flight will be commanded by Major Louis E. Boutwell, Capt. Edward S. Beck and Capt. William P. Muther, all of the 26th Division Air Service. Massachusetts National Guard. The planes will fly back and forth over the route of the parade in various foramtions.

Thomas Holmes, chairman of the parade committee, and Mrs. Susan T. Esler, in charge of the women's division and floats, have arranged the finest turnout in the history of Wilmington. The parade will be in three divisions, civic, military and fraternal.

The selectmen and other town officials will march in the first group with the fire and water departments and school authorities. A squad of policemen, headed by Chief Walter Hill, will head the parade. Mr. Holmes, who is commander of the local legion post, will be chief martial and his staff includes J. Turner Hood and Edwin Twomen. Next will be the YD band and a detachment of uniformed soldiers of the National Guard.

These will include the 182nd Infantry of Woburn, under Capt. Wilford Walker and the 182nd Headquarters Company of Charlestown, led by Capt. James G. Brown and Lieut. Robert C. Edgar.

Next will come the Civil War Veterans, represented by John Simpson, a native of this town, who fought in the War of the Rebellion. Mr. Simpson will be honorary marshal of the parade. Then the B. & M. band, by courtesy of the Boston and Maine Railroad; the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Catholic Club, Girl Scouts, Four-H Club, several church societies and other organizations.

The second division will include dru mcorps and bands, with colors from nearly a dozen legion posts and auxiliaries from nearby cities and towns. Legionnaires will be present auxiliaries in Woburn, Melrose, Lawrence and other places.

The third division will include floats and decorated autos, in keeping with some historic event or military occasion. Those who have en- from Lowell, Lawrence, Woburn, Medford, North Reading and Malden. The latter will have in their line of march their prize winning mascot, 8-year-old "Little Joe" Walsh, son of J. J. Walsh of the Malden Post. The legionnaires from Wilmington will be led by their own bugle corps of 20 men and will have an interesting reature.

Auxiliary members from the Massachusetts Department will be led Mrs. Esler. They will include Wilmington women and visitors from the Adelaide Fitzgerald Cadets of Lowell, Caroline Wade Cadets of Woburn and

tered floats include the Grange, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Eastern Star, the Gowing Family, aCtholic Club, Carter's Garage, Wated Department, Women's Club, Wilmington Coal Company, Ladies' Benevolent Society, the former Silver Lake fire department and Norman W. Darling.

Cups will be presented for the best showing in the three divisions. There will be light refreshments for the marchers after the parade.

The bi-centennial banquet will take place at 7 o'clock Saturday night in the tent. There will be about 1000 diners and the affair is in the cahrge of the Wilmington Women's Club.

Chairman Deming will be toastmaster and community singing will be led by Ralph Brown. Toasts will be responded to by a representative of Gov. Allen for the State, Mayor Philip J. Gallagher of Woburn, the maternal city; Arthur T. Bond, oldest resident; M. J. Kurl, newest resident; Chairman of Selectmen Walter L. Hale, our town. George M. Dimond of Bedford, the press. Miss Sylvia Neilson will read a poem written by her for the occasion.

Mrs. Ford A. Hanscom, vice president and program chairman of the Women's Club, will be in charge of the entertainment at the banquet. The artistss who will appear are Art Snow, Hazel Childs, Sollie Guariniello and Ben Macomber who will present a sparkling variety program.

There will be special services Sunday morning in the several churches of the town in observance of the anniversary.

Sunday afternoon the new Memorial Park which is one of the town's bi-centennial projects will be dedicated and there will be a flag-raising and speakers. Edward N. Eames will be master of ceremonies. Invocation will be by Rev. Sted Thornton of the Methodist Episcopal church. A historical address will be read by Rev. A. A. Simmons of the Congregational church after which Mrs. A. G. McLeod of the Women's Club will tell the part the club played in bringing about the projected development of the new park.

Town Clerk Ralph R. Currier will then tell of the legislation which authorized the park and Chairman Hale of the selectmen will officially turn the property over to Chairman George Newcomb for the Park Commission.

Commander Holmes of the Legion will unfurl the American flag on the new 55-foot flagpole erected for the occasion. Thomas Magowan of Woburn, will be the orator of the day. Regan's band of owell will play at the exercises. Rev. Richard Boland, pastor of St. Thomas' aCtholic church, will pronounce the benediction.

The schools, town hall, public library, fire stations, highway building, pumping station, stores and private dwellings have been decorated for the occasion by a committee headed by Miss May Swain. Decorative electric lights have been furnished for the public buildings and the flagpole on the Common, by the Reading Municipal Light Companay.

Twenty-nine signs indicating places of historic events and signs bidding "Welcome to Wilmington" have been put in place for the celebration and a souvenir booklet has been prepared by Rev. Mr. Simmons and Alice Eames.

The officers of the large committee in charge of the 200th anniversary are the selectmen, Chairman Hale, Jerome J. O'Leary, and Walter Gould Buckle; Chairman Deming fo rthe citizens, Mildred E. Neilson, secretary; Joseph B. McMahon, treasurer; Edward N. Neilson, finances, and Laurence G. Hanscom, press representative.

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PARADE FEATURES THIRD DAY OF WILMINGTON'S CELEBRATION

MASSED FLAGS OF LEGION IN PARADE

Special Dispatch to the Globe

WILMINGTON, Sept 27—A long list of events, including a sports program, a parade and a meeting on the Common, was run off today in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the town. Today marked the third day of the celebration, which will be concluded tomorrow with the dedication of the new Memorial Park.

The parade started at 3. J. Thomas Holmes was chief marshal and Mrs Susan Esler had charge of the women's division. In line were members of Fire Departments from Wilmington and surrounding towns, seven Legion posts from Lowell, Lawrence, Malden, Woburn, Medford, North Reading and Wilmington, a half-dozen bands and Company G, 182d Infantry, Capt Wilford A. Walker in command. Three National Guard airplanes hovered over the line of march.

Prizes were awarded for features in the parade. In the American Legion group, first prize went to the Lowell Post Fife and Drum Corps and second to a clown band from North Reading. The Adelaide Fitzgerald Cadets from Lowell won first prize and the Carolyn B. Wade Cadets from Woburn won second prize in the Auxiliaries' section.

Whitefield Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Wilmington won the only prize offered in the fraternal organization group. In the floats section, first prize was won by the Gowing Family Association, with a float entitled "The Old Middlesex Canal Boat," and second prize was won by the Wilmington Women's Club with a float depicting the Harnden Massacre by the Indians. The Darling Perennial Gardens won first prize and the Wilmington A. L. Auxiliary won second in the decorated cars section.

Judges in the parade included Mrs Adelaide Fitzgerald, national vice president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Col A. A. Hansen of Waltham, a member of the staff of the 26th Division, M. N. G., and Sidney Hodson of Reading.

In the evening there was a banquet on the Common, attended by more than 1000 persons. The banquet was given by the Wilmington Women's Club. Harry R. Deming was toastmaster. Among the speakers were Mayor Philip J. Gallagher of Woburn, Arthur T. Bond, the oldest resident of the town; M. J. Kurl, the newest resident; Walter L. Hale, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and George M. Dimond, city editor of the Boston Globe.

Miss Silvia Neilson read a poem. Entertainment was in charge of Mrs Ford A. Hanscom.

James J. Gilligan was director of the athletic events held this morning at the Thompson Grove. The judges included William Townsend, Joseph Mahoney, William Tobin and Laurence Hanscom. The summary:

Boy's 50-Yard Dash—Won by G. Meadows; J. Ring, second.
Girl's 50-Yard Dash—Won by E. Butters; R. Kidder, second.
Men's 100-Yard Dash—Won by C. Kadlac; W. Sidelinker, second.
Women's 75-Yard Dash—Won by R. Kidder; A. Fleming, second.
Boy's Obstacle Race—Won by E. Hanson. W. Hipley, second; J. Choco, third.
Girl's Potato Race—Won by A. Fleming.
Boy's Potato Race—Won by R. Ellis.
Girl's Baseball Throw—Won by R. Kidder; M. Duggan, second.
Relay Race—Won by B. Solo, A. Cameron, A. Butter, H. Sidelinker.
Greased Pole Contest—Won by A. Cameron.
Shoe Race—Won by E. Grateyk.
Three-Mile Race—Won by F. Caswell.
Weight-Lifting Contest—Won by H. Sidelinker.

Wilmington's Bi-Centennial Poem

Candles On Your Cake

Two hundred candles on your cake
Little town of mine.
Show them to the world at large,
Bid them shine and shine!

Your drinking water, your fresh, free air
Are candles on your cake.
A citizen gone to the governor's chair—
A candle on your cake

Your standard of schools, your sturdy homes
Are candles on your cake.
Your friendly churches 'neath humble domes
Are candles on your cake.

Your recorded history, your legends, too,
Are candles on your cake.
Your caves and your ponds where old stones grew,
Are candles on your cake.

Your Baldwin apple, your Whitefield Elm
Are candles on your cake.
Your sturdy pilots who are at the helm
Are candles on your cake.

Your present, your future, based on your past
Are candles on your cake.
Your steady advancement, not too slow nor fast—
A candle on your cake.

Blow not these fair candles out!
Let them shine forever
Gaining settlers for our town,
Keeping old ones ever.

Sylvia Neilson.

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Wilmington Closes 200th Anniversary Celebration with Sports, Parade and Banquet; Lowell Units Win Prizes

ABOVE—ONE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GROUPS IN THE WILMINGTON BICENTENNIAL PARADE. BELOW—CLOWN BAND OF READING, WHICH WAS AWARDED PRIZE.

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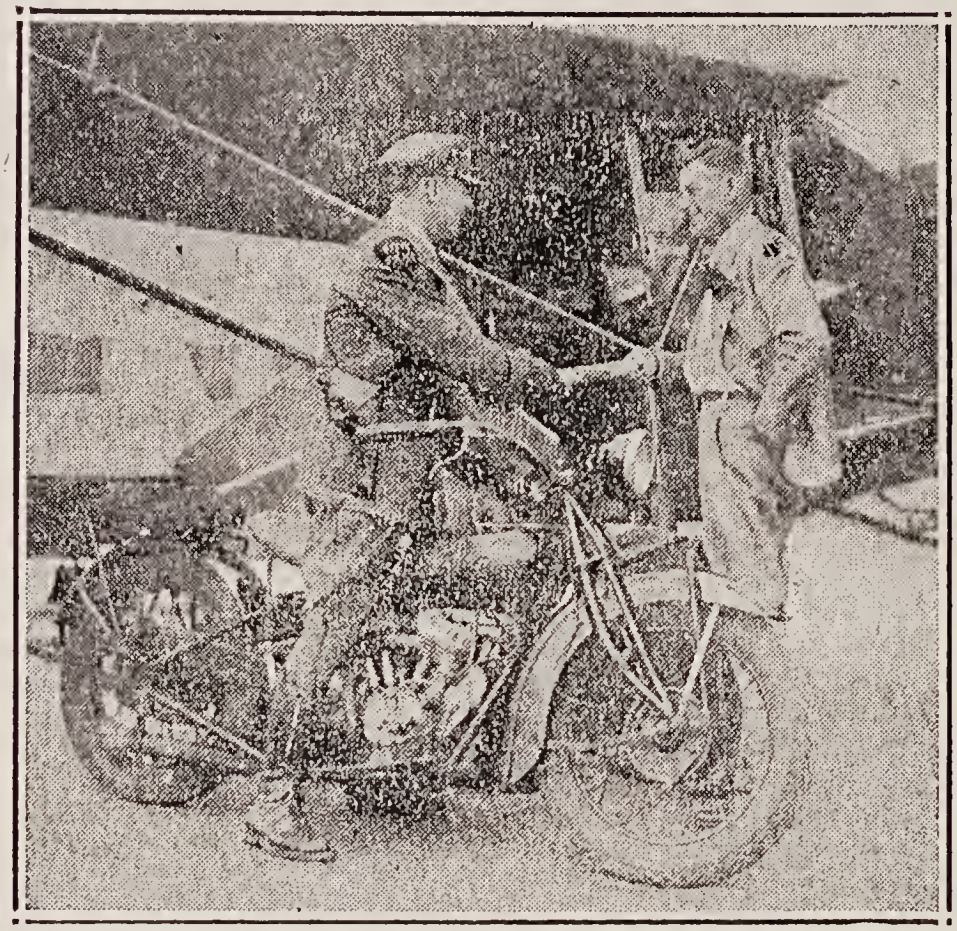
GOV ALLEN'S GREETINGS SENT TO WILMINGTON BY PLANE

Town, Observing 200th Anniversary, Receives Message as Airman Hovers Over Common



STATE TROOPER ARTHUR CHAISSON OF NORTH READING BARRACKS GIVING PILOT VAL CHICK A 200TH ANNIVERSARY GREETING FROM GOV ALLEN TO BE DELIVERED AT WILMINGTON.

The greetings of Gov Frank G. Allen to the town of Wilmington, which is observing its 200th anniversary, were sent to the town yesterday by airplane.

Shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon patrolman Arthur Chaisson of the State Police Patrol arrived at the airport with the official greetings from the Governor. He turned them over to pilot Val Chick, who immediately took off with observers.

The letter from the Governor was placed in a metal tube and a few minutes later, when over Wilmington Common, Chick throttled down the motor of his plane and the tube with the greetings was sent over the side of the plane, landing within a few feet of Harry R. Deming, chairman of the Wilmington anniversary committee, who was waiting on the common to receive it. The message was read to the citizens last night at the town's official birthday meeting on the Common.

Air planes will again play a part in the Wilmington celebration when on Saturday a flight of National Guard planes, piloted by Maj Louis E. Boutwell, Capt Edward S. Beck and Capt William P. Muther of the 26th Division Aviation, will stage an aerial show during the progress of a parade through the town in honor of the anniversary of the town's incorporation.

WILMINGTON ENDS 200TH OBSERVANCE

New Park Dedicated to World War Veterans

Special Dispatch to the Globe

WILMINGTON, Sept 28—A four-day program celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of Wilmington was closed today with observance services in all churches and a ceremony dedicating a new Memorial Park to World War veterans on Main st.

Hundreds attended the dedication at which Walter L. Hale, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presented the park to the town. George Newcomb, of the Wilmington board of park commissioners, accepted in behalf of the town.

Speakers included Edward M. Eames, master of ceremonies; Rev Stead Thornton, pastor of the Methodist Church; Rev A. A. Simmons, pastor of the Congregational Church; Mrs A. G. McLoud, president of the Wilmington Women's Club, sponsors of the park; Ralph Currier, town clerk; Lieut James Mullen of Charlestown, judge advocate of the American Legion; Rabbi Louis Epstein of North Wilmington, and Rev Richard Boland of St Thomas' Catholic Church.

J. Thomas Holmes of the Wilmington Post, American Legion, unfurled a new flag.

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Catchall

I VIEWED a bit of the Wilmington bicentenary celebration on Saturday last, as a one-time, though brief-time resident of the good town to our southward was in duty bound to do. Others have reported the addresses of the public meeting and dinner and the floats of the procession. There is no reason why I should retell that story; our ever readable suburban page is where you find such news. I merely, after the personal fashion of all columnists, give an account that is really of no account to anybody in the world—one of my own wanderings on a day when, because of the abnormal heat, the wandering was not 100 per cent good at the outset.

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It was showery Saturday morning, and as I was supposed to be vacationing with an understanding that I should do something out of which I might get a real kick, I stopped off at Woburn to renew acquaintance with what to me seems the world's worst art gallery—the one in the Woburn Library. I perhaps ought not to be so caustic concerning the canvasses by German and French artists of whom nobody ever heard, which are hung plentifully in a high room of the ornate Richardson-Romanesque building that houses genuinely important books and other collections; and I would surely except from my generality the paintings of two local celebrities, the late Benjamin Champney, whom I once interviewed when he was nearly 90 years old, and a Mr. Thompson who painted rather well after the 19th century French manner. Other things which I saw with interest, either genuine of satirical, I need not bore you with. Enough that I stuck around in the Woburn Library for an hour or so, and then, as clearing weather was assured, I went out into the square and ate one of the world's worst lunches. That, too, suggests a topic for a day's Catchall. I sometimes want to nominate the towns of Winchester and Woburn to play off a championship in this regard. Until Saturday last I should have been inclined to put my money on Winchester.

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You are already aware, if you have read me thus far with such patience as you possess, that I was in no mood on Saturday, Sept. 27, for a kickful hike. The bad Woburn coffee was productive of hyperacidity. The ham sandwiches would have given a ham actor indigestion. The air was still warm and terribly humid. The sight of that god-awful dump in under Rag Rock, where half a thousand abandoned automobiles are rusting, led to my habitual spitters anent the present-day defilement of the landscape. I found a stretch of the old Middlesex Canal which I have long admired in process of being filled in for some purpose—hopefully not for another Tom Thumb golf course! I didn't like, either, the look of a structure that has gone up close to the classic and dignified Loammi Baldwin mansion in North Woburn. I thought regretfully of the charm of this district when I used to ski over it on the well remembered winter Sundays of 20 years ago. Those were the days, especially the wintry part of it—and I wiped my perspiring brow!

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I was crossing the barrens at South Wilmington before I finally snapped out of it and began once again to enjoy the old familiar gait. Something about those shaggy fells among which the Aberjona rises has long delighted my eye. I love the old-world grape arbors from which the American Italian patent-leather workers still, as I must suspect, extract the old familiar juice. There is a most picturesque house on a height apart from all the others which looks to have been pieced together from packing cases; I have drawn it from several angles, and always with wonder over its builder's ingenuity. With the semblance of a cooler breeze sweeping over the wide open spaces I came out at the Merrimac Chemical Co. I was by now in a temper to forgive anything—even that spelling of "Merrimac." I looked approvingly at the company's billboard, with its record of profit-sharing and other welfare activities among the employees.

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An hour later, via Perry's Corner, with the fragrance of the Wilmington pines in my nostrils, I was at the centre where floats were preparing for the parade to start at three o'clock. I was impressed by the prevalence of the old New England type among the celebrants. You would expect this at Westford, or Hollis; but Wilmington, in these later years, has ordinarily taken on an Italian and Jewish look—at least when the Sunday evening crowd boards the train for Boston at Silver Lake. The boys and girls who filled the Middlesex County Extension float, however, were palpably little Yankees. All sorts of Americans I seemed to notice among the Legion boys. The war did that for us. us.

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I turned from living Americans to dead colonials and spent half an hour exploring the town's oldest cemetery, the one alongside the Congregational church, which dates back to days when this part of Charlestown Village was locally known as Goshen. My search was not entirely aimless. I finally found it, isolated, bearing about the earliest of the dates—a large and, for the time, pretentious stone, with this inscription:

"Here Lyes Buried
The Body of
Samuel Dummer, Esqr.
Who Departed this Life
Febry 6th Anno Dom 1730
In ye 48th Year of his Life"

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That discovery, which, of course, I might have made at any time but which I probably shouldn't have made but for the Wilmington celebration, gives me another Dummer datum for my collection. It concerns the high sheriff of Middlesex county who was the foremost citizen of the new town of Wilmingon. I should, indeed, rather expect to find that it was he who gave the place its name, from Lord Wilmington, the English statesman, who was a contemporary and friend of Jeremy Dummer, this high sheriff's distinguished jurist brother in England.

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Samuel Dummer, to account for my personal interest in him, was one of the sons of Jeremiah Dummer, silversmith and limner, of Boston. It was he who inherited the portraits of his father and mother, about which much has been written and which are still the property of a Dummer descendant, Paul Hamlen esq., of Boston.

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Feeling well repaid for my prowling in the old burying ground I looked over the several houses about the centre and then, as the crowd was beginning to assume metropolitan proportions, I turned up Glen road, for a chance to sit and sketch. There, as of yore, stood the ancient pound with its five-barred gate and massive stone-work. The sunlight was just right for some effective white spots in one of my pencil sketches. I sat down with peace and pleasure in my soul on the opposite stone wall and started to outline my subject with the broad grey line that gives you the general shapes and that doesn't commit you to every little curve and twist of the contours. I was glad, indeed, to be there, and I even enjoyed the sound of the shouting and tumult around the corner. Each for his own taste in this tolerant world. Let those who like the flutter of bunting and the raucous notes of the megaphone stand while the parade goes by. As for me I will sit on a rock to sketch.

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Just then three motor cars that could find no place to park around the Wilmington common backed up into Glen road and nearly pushed Humpty-Dumpty from Lowell off the wall. They left no space between them for my continuance at my pastime, but I was in no mood to tell the motorists what I thought of them. Still happy in spirit I said to myself that the old pound will be there some other Saturday, and I set off to continue my walk toward the East Billerica aqueduct.

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Wilmington (Del.) Morning News Pays Tribute

William H. Hill, of the staff of the Wilmington (Delaware) Morning News, recently visited this town and after obtaining the necessary statistics, published in the Delaware paper, the following article in the form of a tribute to our grand old town.

New England's Wilmington Older Than Delaware's City
(By W. H. Hill)

In the year 1730, or eight years before Wilmington, Del., was given its name, the town of Wilmington, Mass. was so named. Just why or how the name was adopted is not established. Yet is evident that the name was used for the same reason that the Delaware metropolis was so christened—as an honor to the Earl of Wilmington who was in charge of the colonial governors. It was Thomas Willing, who started the town bearing his name, seven years later to become Wilmington, Del.

From information received from a resident of the Massachusetts settlement the town has a population of 4019. But that, evidently, means the population of what is known as a township in most states, and as hundreds in Delaware.

The sub-divisions of the Massachusetts counties are known as towns. For instance there is the county of Plymouth and the town of Plymouth, which latter includes the city of Plymouth, with a population of about 15,000.

Ralph R. Currier, a business man of Wilmington, Mass., furnishes some facts regarding his "town." He says that the population is made up of whites, with perhaps six colored families. About 30 percentum of the population are foreign-born. The principal crop is truck garden produce. There is one tannery and a factory where fish meal is produced and used extensively as hen food.

In days of long ago the Middlesex canal passed through the town and was the only means of transportation between Boston and Lowell. Now there are two state highway routes through the town and the Portland division of the Boston and Maine railroad. The town settlement of Wilmington is 11 miles from Lowell, 12 miles from Boston and five miles from Woburn, with a population of 4019 people.

There is one body of water in Wilmington, known as Silver Lake, which is a popular summer resort for people in the vicinity of Boston.

There are three churches—Catholic, Methodist Episcopal and Congregational; public schools, public library, memorial park dedicated to all service men and women.

These townfolks have not forgotten that Wilmington was the home of "Captain Hardwick of Revolutionary fame." Neither do they let anybody forget that the nationally-known Baldwin Apple originated in their part of the world.

That Massachusetts town is situated in a section that is, like most of New England, attractive. There are plenty of fine old trees, "comfy" dwellings, good roads, and all that goes to make up for semi-rural home comforts, and only 20 minutes from one of the largest cities in the Union. It is a refreshing suburban spot away from the hurlly-burly, albeit restful. But one cannot get away from the filling stations that have become blots in all scenic localities. Of automobiles, of course there is no end.

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Town Closes 200th Anniversary Celebration with Sports, Parade, Banquet and Dedication

Biggest Event Town Has Ever Had Attracts Thousands of Outsiders. Prizes Awarded for Best Decorated Business, Homes and Fraternal Buildings. Many Prizes Given for Sports. Parade Biggest Town has Ever Witnessed. Banquet Closes Saturday's Program, with Final Day Spent at Dedication of New Memorial Park.

A feature of the celebration was a message of congratulations from Governor Allen, dropped from an airplane over the Common. The airplane bearing Gov. Allens message started from the East Boston Airport under the guidance of Val Chick and was borne by Laurence Hanscom of this town. When the plane reached this town it circled several times over the Common, and then the message was dropped but a few feet from where Harry R. Deming, chairman of the general committee stood, and was read at the Anniversary Meeting in the tent on the Common Thursday evening, where speakers praised the virtues of the settlers and took stock of their own work, and then resolved to build for the next 200 years and more.

Harry R. Deming, chairman of the general committee, acted as toastmaster.

The program was opened with a short address of welcome by Mr. Deming, who very pleasingly thanked the townspeople for their moral, financial and physical assistance in the celebration.

This was followed by several selections by the original Y. D. band, with Geralld F. Frazee conducting. John Percival, baritone, winner of a recent Atwater Kent audition and widely known as a singer throughout the country, favored wit ha group of songs. Hon. Edith Nourse Rogers, representative of this town in the national House, gave an address, followed by an address by Fred L. Putnam, clerk of the Superior Court at East Cambridge. Mr. Putnam is well known here, being the son-in-law of Hon. Levi Gould, who was the speaker at the Wilmington "old home" week celebration some years ago. Mr. Putnam is always an interesting speaker. Following Mr. Putnam, Mr. Percival gave another group of songs. Thomas H. McGowan of Woburn, gave an eloquent address on the history of the town. Among other things, Mr. McGowan mentioned the fact that when Wilmington was incorporated as a town it took 43 taxpayers from Woburn and he wished that when they hed served their purpose we would return them.

After the conclusion of Mr. McGowan's address, Mr. Percival sang "Hymn to America," written especially for the occasion.

The evening's program was brought to a close with a short concert by the original Y. D. band.

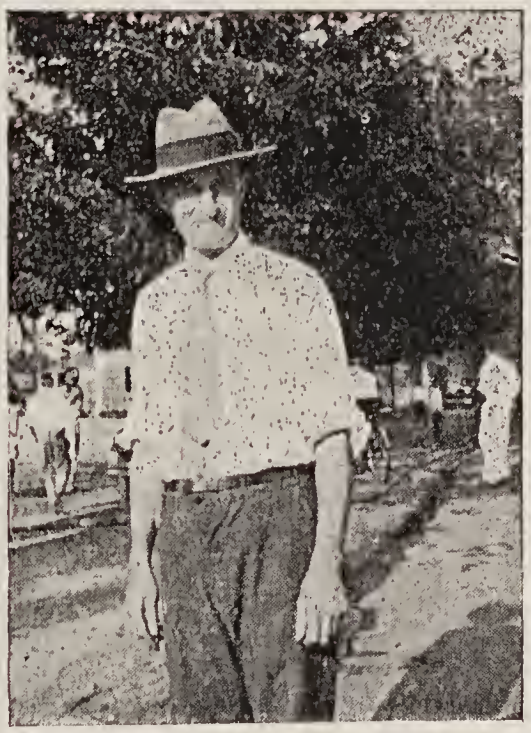
On Friday afternoon the school children presented a program of drills and exercises under the direction of the physical culture instructor, Miss Edna Coburn.

Three tableaux were also presented, "The Dame School" by pupils of the West school, Mrs. Lena Eames, teacher; "Singing the Charter," by members of the high school, and "Colonial Girls" in costume singing "The Old Spinning Wheel" by Miss Cora Cook and Harriet Staveley.

On Saturday morning at Thompson's Grove the various sporting events were run off with the following prize winners: 50 yard dash for boys under 16, first heat won by Edward Kelley; second, Joe Ring; third, Relph Picard and Charles Morris; fourth, George Meadows; fifth, Thomas Barube; final won by George Meadows first, Joe Ring, second.

50 yard dash hfor girls under 16, first, Ethel Butters; second, Ruth Kidder.

Good weather prevailed and aided materially in giving the town of Wilmington the biggest boost it has had in years, when four harmonious and active days were spent in celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Town, together with the Tercentenary of the state of Massachusetts.



Harry R. Deming

The committee, acting under Harry R. Deming, chairman, is to be congratulated on the fine piece of work performed in the perfect manner in which every part of the various events were executed in a perfect manner.

The opening of the four-day Bi-Centennial celebration was at sunrise Thursday morning, when whistles and church bells rang to awaken the townsfolks to the Birthday of the town.

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der, first; Margaret Duggan, second.

Relay race, won by Benjamin Solow, Alfred Cameron, Alfred Butters, Harrison Sidelinker.

Three-mile race had 14 entries and was won by Frank Caswell, whose time for the race was 16 1-2 minutes. Joseph Ring came in second and James Duggan was third.

Shoe race for men was won by Elmer Gradcyk.

Alfred Cameron was the successful climber of the greased pole.

Suitable prizes of silver cups and other articles were awarded the winners.

The judges were James J. Gilligan, director, William Townsend, Joseph Mahoney, William Tobin and L. G. Hanscom.

The afternoon brought thousands of outsiders, and practically every ctiizen of the town out to see the biggest parade the town has ever had. It is almost impossible to extend in words the credit that is due the committee for their work in making such a fine demonstration.

The parade formed at the site of the old Whitefield elm at North Wilmington. The route of march was down Middlesex avenue to Clark st, to Main st, and back up Church st to the head of the Common. Thousands of automobiles were parked horizontally along the line of march and a most enthusiastic crowd lined the streets to cheer and encourage the long line of marchers. As the parade went down Middlesex avenue three large combat planes of the Massachusetts National Guard came out of the east and circled and recircled along the parade route. At times the planes were low enough to just clear the trees along the streets. The thrill at the performance of these pilots will long be remembered. The parade was made up of three divisions with Cmdr. Thomas Holmes as chief marshal, the first being the military division, followed by the fraternal organizations and then by the civic department and many decorated floats.

The judges of the parade were Col. Arthur A. Hansen of Gen. Foote's staff 26th Division; Miss Adelaide Fitzgerald, national vice president of American Legion Auxiliary, and Sidney Hodson of Reading.

Suitable prizes were awarded the various units during the evening exercises in the big tent when some 676 persons partook of a banquet prepared by the Page Catering Co. of Lowell, which was under the direction of the Wilmington Women's Club, Mrs. D. E. Bennett, chairman. The banquet was opened by prayer offered by Rev. Howard G. Hageman, former pastor of the M. E. church and now located in Albany, N. Y.

100 yards dash for men, first, Chas. Kadlec; second, Wilson Sidelinker.

75 yards dash for women, first, Ruth Kidder; second, Anna Fleming.

Boys' obstacle race, first heat, Edward Hansen; second heat, Vernon Ring; third heat, Walter Shipley; fourth heat, George Meadows, John Cuoco; fifth heat, Ralph Picard; final won by Hansen, Shipley, Cuoco.

Potato race for girls: First heat, Anna Fleming; second heat, Mildred Gilson; third heat, Elsie Burgess; final won by Anna Fleming.

Potato race for boys under 12, first heat, Edward Keough; second heat, John Nolan; third heat, Robert Ellis; final won by Robert Ellis.

Ball throwing, won by Ruth Kid-

On behalf of the 200th anniversary committee, Gardner Ritchie presented Harry Deming, chairman of the same, a beautiful clock for his untiring efforts to make the celebration the huge success it proved. The banquet and entertainment on Saturday brought to a close three glorious days of the bi-centennial part of the celebration which will go down in the history of Wilmington as days never to be forgotten.

At the close of the banquet, Harry R.Deming, general chairman of the celebration and toastmaster of the evening, offered a toast to "Our Town," which was responded to by Walter L. Hale, chairman of the board of selectmen. Next came a toast to "The American Legion Auxiliary," Miss Adelaide Fitzgerald responding; then to "The Old Residents," Arthur T. Bond responding; "Our Maternal City," Mayor Philip J. Gallagher of Woburn responding with an eloquent address; "To the Press," with A. J. Philpott, editor of the Boston Globe, responding; "New Residents," Prof. Mervin J. Curl responding.

"Youth's Contribution to Wilmington's 200th Anniversary" was a poem written by Miss Sylvia Neilson and read by Miss Margaret Neilson.

Community singing was enjoyed during the evening, under the direction of Ralph Brown and with the accmopaniment of the original Y. D. band, Gerald F. Frazee, leader.

At the close of the community singing the program was turned over to Mrs. Ford A. Hanscom, program chairman of the Wilmington Woman's Club, who presented the "Elite Entertainers," Hazel Childs, soloist; Sollie Guariniello, piano accordionist; Ben Macomber, pianist, and Art Snow, comedian. This snappy group of entertainers presented a sparkling variety program.

Previous to the celebration taking place, the schools, town hall, public library, fire station, stores and private dwellings were beautifully decorated and at the banquet on Saturday evening prizes were awarded the following: Best deocrated house, first, Charles Lee; second Mrs. S. T. Esler. Best decorated business building, S. R. McIntosh; second, Louie's Garage. Fraternal buildings, first, aMsonic hall; second, Wilmington Catholic Club.

The various divisions in the parade were awarded prizes as follows: First Lowell Legion fife and drum corps; second, Medford Post fife and drum corps; third, Clown band of North Reading.

In the women s'division the prizes were as follows: First, Adelaide Fitzgerald Cadets of Lowell; second, Carolyn Wade Cadets of Woburn.

In the second division the prize went to Whitefield lodge, I. O. O. F.

In the civic division the first prize was awarded the "Canal Boat" of the Gowing Family Association; second prize went to the Women's Club for their presentation of the "Harnden Massacre."

In the decorated cars division the prizes were as follows: First, Norman Darling's "Perrennial Gardens;" second, Mrs. Alice Lee (Legion Auxiliary colors). Honorable mention was given the Wilmington Legion's machine gun nest and the Wilmington Legion Auxiliary "Bedford Birthday Float." Mention should also be made of Wilmington's service flag, which was carried in the parade by a group of small boys in sailor attire, which represented four nurses and 135 boys.

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FIRE DRILL AS PART OF THE B-CENTENNIAL

A realistic and practical demonstration of fire fighting and rescue work was staged by the Wilmington Fire Department last Friday. The demonstration was under the direction of Drillmaster Albert C. Maxwell of the Reading Fire Department and was conceded by the townspeople and visiting firemen to be the most complete exhibition ever attempted by a town of this size in the state.

The demonstration consisted of the extinguishing of two "fires' on the second floor of the Wilmington High School. At 3.40 in the afternoon an alarm was sent in from box 34 for a "fire' in the chemistry laboratory in the school. A smoke candle on the roof directly over the windows where the fire was supposed to be burning added realism to the show.

The firemen found it necessary to lay three lines of hose, one to each of the windows in the laboratory and one up the stairs into the room. The location of the blaze demanded that all precautionary measures be taken and a second alarm was sounded immediately. The 500-gallon and 200-gallon pumps responded to the first alarm and the 75-gallon pump and the combination responded to the second call.

As soon as the smoke had died away a water curtain was laid over the front of the building by means of seven hose lines.

At 8.30 in the evening an alarm was sounded from the same box and upon arrival the department gave a demonstartion of rescue and first aid work.

The exhibition consisted of demonstrations in sliding down a rope, carrying victims down a ladder and jumping into a life nét. The first aid work shown included artificial respiration, and bandaging for broken jaw, broken rib, fractured thigh and broken back.

The demonstration thus planned included all the work of hydrant coupling, hose running, ladde rraising, water pressures, rescue and first aid besides much other routine work.

Drillmaster Maxwell has been a member of the Reading Fire Department for 10 years and holds certificates for the drill course of the Boston Fire Department, the school of fire prevention and protection that is sponsored by the Fire Protection Magazine and the school of fire work of the State Department of University Sxtension. He also holds a certificate from the American Red Cross for first aid work.

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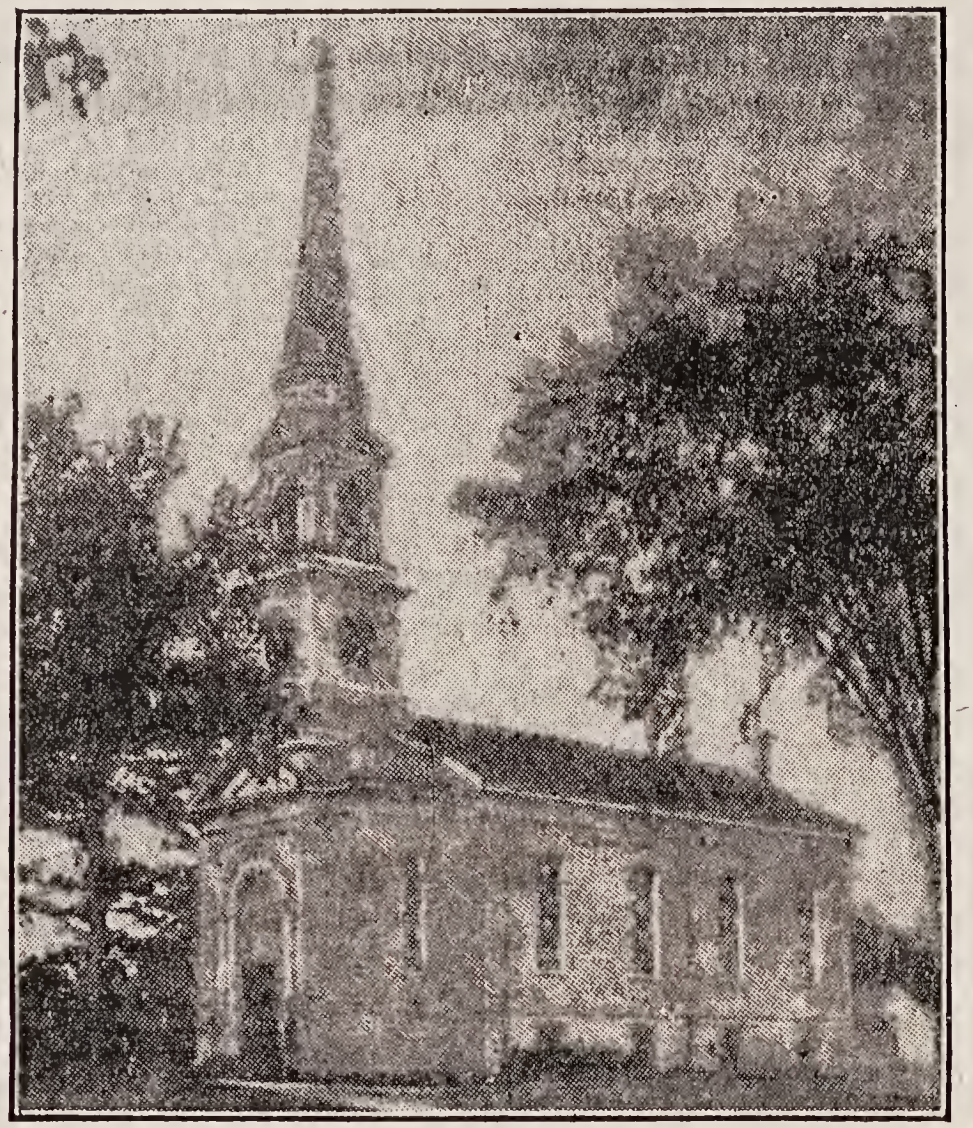
200 Years' Service Noted by Church in Wilmington



WILMINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Wilmington, Oct. 22.

Both services on Sunday in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Congregational church were well attended and proved to be an inspiration to all present. The anniversary sermon was delivered at the morning service by Dr. Walter H. Rollins, pastor of the church from 1900-1906, now state superintendent of New York Congregational churches, who took his topic from Deuteronomy, 6th chapter and 12th verse: "Beware lest you forget the Lord, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the House of Bondage," and the following order of service was carried out:

Service Conducted by the Pastor
Organist, Mrs. Alberta R. Mathieson
Organ Prelude, Fountain Reverie, Fletcher
Doxology
Invocation
Address of Welcome,
Rev. Arthur A. Simmons, Pastor
Male Quartet, My Anchor Holds,
Harry Goodearl, first tenor; John H. Woodman, second tenor; Clifford H. Woodside, first bass; Carl F. Connor, second bass.
Reception of Members
Solo, Open the Gates of the Temple, Knapp
Miss Edna H. Eames, Wilmington
Reading of Scripture,
William B. Downey,
Andover Theological Seminary
Prayer
Solo, Fear Not Ye, O Israel, Dudley Buck
Mrs. Esther H. Nichols, Wilmington
Announcements
Offertory, Serenade....Rachmaninoff
Hymn 442, The Church's One Foundation
Anniversary sermon,
Dr. Walter H. Rollins,
State Supt. N. Y. Congl. Churches
Hymn 61, O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Benediction
Postlude: Allegro e pomposo, Lemaigie

The afternoon service began at 4 o'clock at which time clergymen from nearby towns took a prominent part in the service, and an address on "Christ, a Present Power in the World," was delivered by Rev. Austin Rice of Wakefield. Rev. Thomas Sims of Forestdale, who was to deliver an address on "Notable Women," was unable to be present. Scripture reading was given by Rev. Harold Dale of Billerica, while prayer was offered by Rev. D. Augustine Newton of Westboro, formerly of Winchester, Stoneham and Reading. Selections were sung by the male quartet of the church and Mrs. Florence M. Denner was the soloist.

Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer, pastor of the local M. E. church, pronounced the benediction and the hymns at both services seemed to have been written especially for the occasion. They were such old favorites as "The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord," "O God Our Help in Ages Past," "Our Hope for Years to Come, "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts" and "Faith of Our Fathers."

The following is the order of the afternoon services:

Services Conducted by the Pastor
Organist, Mrs. Alberta R. Mathieson
Organ Prelude, Preludio from Third Sonata .....Guilmant
Doxology
Hymn 451, Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
Reading of Scripture,
Rev. J. Harold Dale,
Billerica, Mass.
Male Quartet, The Old Rugged Cross
Prayer,
Rev. D. Augustine Newton,
Westboro, Mass.
Response, Grant Us Thy Peace, Lord,
Male Quartet
Duets,
Ave Maria .....Gounod
The Swan .....Saint-Saens
Miss Ruth Mathieson, 'cello; Miss Barbara Pierce, Harp
Address, Christ a Present Power in the World,
Rev. Austin Rice, Wakefield, Mass.
Solo, Give Thanks and Sing, Cuthbert Harris
Mrs. Florence M. Denner, Wilmington
Hymn 440, Faith of Our Fathers.
Benediction,
Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer,
Wilmington, Mass.
Postlude, Finale .....Widor

Ushers at both services were: Archie Thurston in charge, assisted by Richard Rosson, Donald Woodside, Alexander Mitchell, Donald Plimpton, Warren Willis and Raymond Swain.

The beautiful plant decorations at the services were furnished by the Reading greenhouses.

A historical pageant, "The Church of Christ in Wilmington," featuring a prolog, six episodes in the history of the church, and an epilog, will be presented by a large cast in the church auditorium. This pageant has been written and is being directed by Mrs. Clara Olmstead Simmons, wife of Rev. Arthur A. Simmons, and on Tuesday exercises will be brought to a close with a banquet, an organ recital, solos and an address by Professor E. C. Moore of Harvard college.

The old-fashioned supper on Saturday evening was served to about 265, and a sociable feeling pervaded. During the social get-together in the church auditorium following the supper, Toastmaster Carl F. Connor presented Rev. Arthur A. Simmons with a souvenir program of the celebration, and Rev. Simmons, in turn presented Mr. Connor with one. This was followed by a short and interesting address by Rev. Walter H. Rollins. The program then became informal and several present, attired in old-fashioned clothes, were called upon to tell the history of their outfits. This proved interesting and amusing.

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The minister's bench, which ha long stood in a secluded place in th church vestry and which belonge originally to the church of 1814, ha been re-upholstered in red, throngl the generosity of Oscar Lundgren This bench adorned the platform Saturday evening.

Letters of greetings were read by Mrs. Oscar Lundgren, secretary of the 20th anniversary committee from Rev. Benjamin F. Schwartz, pastor of the church in 1921 and 1922, and from Rev. William C. Perdew, pastor from 1922 to 1924.

Rev. William B. Downey, assistant of the church, who is in charge of the Community church in Aldrich road, also offered greetings from his church.

Rev. Arthur A. Simmons read a poem entitled "The City of Wilmington,' written in 1850 by Simeon Carter, a well known resident, which was a most interesting tale of long ago and included names of many well known in the past work of the church and of the town.

The informal program was brought to a close by a group of anecdotes told by Philip B. Buzzell. Many availed themselves of the opportunity on Saturday evening to sign the guest book at the rear of the church which was in the charge of Miss Carolyn Swain.

The supper, Saturday evening, was in the charge of the Ladies' Benevolent society, Mrs. Harry A. Maynard, chairman, with the following assistants: Mrs. Blanche P. Taylor, Mrs. Muriel I. Martin, Mrs. D. Robert Carter, Miss Edna Cole, Mrs. Albert R. Jee, Mrs. Daniel Ross, Mrs. C. E. Dodge, Miss Dorothy Connor, Mrs. Norwood Sargent, Mrs. Arnold Carter, Mrs. Stephen G. Bean, Mrs. Carl A. Cady, Mrs. Rodney Buck, Mrs. Stanton Hall, Miss Bertha Dame, Mrs. Mary E. A. Dame and Mrs. Louis Nichols.

The celebration will be brought to a close on Tuesday evening with a banquet at 6.30, with town officials, neighboring pastors, past pastors and others as guests of honor, who will bring the greetings from their respective stations. The banquet will be followed by an organ recital at 8 o'clock by Albion Metcalf of Reading, bass solos by Clarence B. Durland, and an eloquent address by Prof. Edward C. Moore of Harvard college. Carl F. Connor will be toastmaster at the banquet.

It is interesting to note while glancing over the history of the church that immediately following the establishment of the town and the "prime object of the establishment of the town" was to "make it feasible to institute and maintain religious teaching and worship." The court granted the charter on the express condition that the town should settle a minister within three years. The town immediately took steps in that direction. It voted on Dec. 3, 1730 to build a meeting house, and the work was accomplished by 1732. The building was located a few rods north of the site of the present one. A town meeting held on July 12, 1733, chose James E. Varney to be minister of the town. On Oct. 24, 1733, this church was embodied with 17 members. Rev. James Varney the first pastor of the church served until 1739 when by reason of ill health he was released.

The second minister of the town was Isaac Morrill. He was ordained and settled over this church on his 23rd birthday, May 20, 1741, and continued in office for 52 years until his death in Aug., 1793. The third minister of the town was Freegrace Reynolds who came here in 1794 and remained for 35 years, when the town, in voting him an honorable dismission, gave him a gratuity of $600 as a mark of appreciation.

An interesting incident was connected with the settlement of the fourth and last minister to be paid by the town. This was the settlement of Francis Norwood in 1831. The town had voted to pay him a salary that seemed to him inadequate. In accepting the office he stated that he relied upon the honor of the people to raise a small additional amount for his support. This was done, and it was the first instance in this town of raising money by subscription for the minister's salary. For more than 100 years the salaries of the ministers were paid by the town, and in that length of time the town had but four ministers, and in the 200 years that have passed there have been but 14 pastors with Rev. Arthur A. Simmons, the present pastor, since 1924, the 14th one.

The first meeting house constructed in 1732 was enlarged and repaired in 1766. In 1813 it was taken down and in the following year replaced by a better one. This stood until Feb. 15, 1864 when it was destroyed by fire. A new and better building rose from the ruins and was dedicated on the second anniversary of the destruction of the other which is the edifice that stands today.

For the past week, flood lights placed in front of the church have illuminated the inscription over the main entrance at night time proclaiming to all passersby "1733-1933."

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Pageant Depicts Story of Wilmington Church

Work of Mrs. Clara O. Simmons Performed in Congregational Auditorium, Third Event of Bicentennial Program

Wilmington, Oct. 23

The third event in the exercises of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Congregational church took place Monday evening in the church auditorium when the presentation of the historical pageant, "The Church of Christ in Wilmington" was given before an audience that completely filled the church.

The pageant was written and directed by Mrs. Clara Olmstead Simmons, wife of the pastor, Rev. Arthur A. Simmons, and was worthy of the highest praise, for the parts were all admirably portrayed, and the old fashioned costumes worn by the members of the cast added much to the vividness of the story.

The program was as follows: "Two Hundred Years Ago, and more, I led my pilgrim children to this hostile shore and here, through toil and danger, loss and death, they rotted deep. Through heavy years they bore true witness to the previous light they brought. They yielded only to their conscience sway within, and at the last, the call of God. Still others followed those who blazed the way, still further into wilderness they pressed their fearless path. Their lonely clearings stood deep in the forest and they bore the test of sore privation, stealthy enemies, of sickness, loss of those they held most dear. The searing struggles of the spirits' strife, the creeping foe of loneliness—and fear.

"So that great colony of Massachusetts Bay grew greater, till at last to her was born a daughter, Charlestown, unto whom she passed the gracious honor she had humbly worn. And cherished dearly to her care she gave the light which I had given her, in turn. Her daughter, Woburn, bore it high to save for souls unborn, that light inviolate. Her daughter, Wilmington, in early youth in joy received from her with eager hands the word of god, the flaming torch of truth.

"And now 200 years have passed away, two hundred years of faith and work and love find that fair daughter of the church was born. And in her honor we are here today to listen to her message, pierce the mystery of old forgotten things, long laid away, to see, portrayed in word and deed, her noble history."

This message was given by Miss Arlene Swain representing the spirit of the church.

This was followed by six outstanding episodes in the history of the church as follows, with the cast.

Hymn 321: How firm a foundation, choir and congregation; first episode, meeting of the people of the district to discuss founding a new church and town, hymn 442: The Church's one foundation; second episode: The church and town are organized. Letters from Mistress Mary Killam of Wilmington to her friends Mistress Lathrop of Charlestown, hymn 419: Oh God, beneath thy guiding hand; third episode: Rev. Isaac Morrill and the troops of Wilmington in the Revolutionary war, hymn 328: The Son of God goes forth to war; fourth episode: The second church is built in 1814. Squire Blanchard and his wife and Priest Reynolds meet to rejoice over the completon of the church, hymn 265: Forward be our watchword; fifth episode: Women's work in the church. The joining of the Ladies" Benevolent Association and the Female Foreign Missinary Association, hymn 398: On Zion, haste; sixth episode: Burning of the second church in 1864. Described at meeting of Christian Endeavor at the parsonage, hymn 305: True hearted, whole hearted; epilogue: The spirit of the church. Completion of the present church on second anniversary of the burning of the second church, and our hopes for the future, hymn 373: Lead on, Oh King Eternal.

Participants—Prologue: The Spirit of the church, Miss Arlene Swain. Episode I—Samuel Eames, Ernest Eames; Mary Eames, his wife, Mrs. Carl F. Connor; Daniel Eames, Clifton Eames; Abilgail Eames, his wife, Miss Ruth Mitchell; Samuel Dummer, Chester Nichols; Deacon Thompson, Charles Allgrove jr.; Abraham Jaquith, Alexander Mitchell; Cadwallader Ford, Walter Fitch; Ebenezer Carter, J. T. Hood jr.; Ephriam Buck, Harry Barnes; Daniel Gowing, Harold Swain; John Harnden, Philip Buzzell; Little Daniel, Richard Bertwell; Little Mary, Jean Melzar. Episode II—Mistress Lathrop, Miss Anna DeLoriea; Roger Lathrop, Richard Rosson. Episode III—Rev. Isaac Morrill, Rev. A. A. Simmons; Capt. Ford, Norwood Sargent; Capt. Walker, Clifton Eames; Minute-man, Frank Plimpton jr.. Episode IV—Priest Reynolds, Stephen Bean; Squire Blanchard, Archie Thurston; Mistress Blanchard, Mrs. Royden Carter. EpisodeV—Members of D.B.A. Mrs. Noyes, Miss Helen Mitchell; Mrs. Henry Blanchard, Mrs. Oscar Lundgren; Mrs. Orthinel Eames, Mrs. Harry DeLorea; Mrs.Otis Carter, Mrs. E. N. Eames; Mrs. Porter Pearson, Mrs. Eugene Coombs; Mrs. Otis Buck, Mrs. George Buck; Miss Lois Carter, Mrs. Dorothy Darling; Miss Clara Eames, Miss Hilda Nichols.

Members of the Female Foreign Missionary Association: Mrs. Sabra Jaquith, Mrs. Mary Gowing, Mrs. Samuel Nichols, Mrs. Susan Sheldon, Mrs. Olive Bond, Mrs. Mary Carter, Mrs. Charles Allgrove, Miss May Swain, Mrs. Harold Nichols, Miss Anna Sheldon, Miss Elizabeth Tibbetts, Mrs. L. Stanton Hall.

Episode VI: Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Judith Carter, Miss Helen Mitchell, Mrs. Philip Buzzell, Mildred Johnson, Winnifred Johnson, Aldea Coombs, Barbara Plimpton, Dorothy Swain, Arthur Mullarkey, Alexander Mitchell, George Plimpton, Clifton Eames, Henry Westcott.

Epilogue: Spirit of the church, Arlene Swain; Massachusetts Bay, Anna Lynch; Charlestown, Mildred Lawson; Woburn, Helen Nichols; Wilmington, Mary Furlan.

Those taking part in the pageant who are descendants of the founders of the church are: Mrs. Royden Carter, Mrs. Charles Allgrove, Miss Anna Sheldon, Mrs. George Buck, Mrs. Harold Nichols, Miss Hilda Nichols, Miss Helen Nichols, Mr. Chester Nichols, Mr. Ernest Eames and Mr. Clifton Eames.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harnden, from whom both Mr. and Mrs. Philip Buzzell are descended, joined the church later in the same year, and John Harnden was one of the first deacons.

Miss May Swain, Mrs. Carl Connor, Mrs. E. N. Eames, Harold Swain, Misses Dorothy and Arlene Swain and Miss Mary Furlan are all descendants of very early settlers of Wilmington.

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The epilogue was as follows:

"Two years ago our church in ashes lay.
In grief we watched in heaven the flames' reflection.
Yet now we meet with joy and hope today
To see her rise in glorious resurrection.

"Her children rallied, willing, to her aid;
As one they stroved and toiled
Her neighbor church on her altar laid
The worthy gifts of love and help they brought.

"So here there rises tall and white and fair,
A temple where our souls may hear again
The word of God and oh may she ever bear
A message to the hungry hearts of men.

"A growing message! Sowing Christian love
Where now are wilderness and barren fields
Till won by toil and watered from above,
Each arid waste its needed harvest yields."

The celebration will be brought to a close Tuesday evening with a banquet with prominent speakers from surrounding towns, who will bring greetings from their respective stations, town officials and neighboring Pastors. The banquet will be followed by an organ recital, and vocal solos in the auditorium of the church and an address by Prof. E. C. Moore of Harvard college.

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Anniversary of Wilmington Church Brought to a Close

Rev. Halah H. Loud of Hudson, N. H., Former Pastor, Reads Original Poem About Suburban Edifice

The 200th anniversary celebration of the Congregational church was brought to a close on Tuesday evening with a banquet served to 235 persons in the vestry.

At the close of the banquet toasts, greetings and congratulations were brought from the state of Massachusetts, represented by Dr. Frederic H. Page, president of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts and the Mother church in Woburn by Rev. Robert M. Grey, who read a "Resolution" which was given at the services of his church on Sunday, as follows:

"Inasmuch as our friends and fellow Christians of the Congregational church in Wilmington are celebrating the 200th anniversary of their independant existence as a church of Christ, we, the people of the mother church of Woburn, take happy recognition of the occasion assembled in our place of worship on this day, Sunday, Oct. 22, 1933. We give thanks to God for the long and fruitful continuance of the Wilmington church. We are grateful for our common heritage from the earnest post and for our remembrance of those who in both our communities have advanced the cause of Christianity by their devoted labors. More especially, however, do we turn toward the future believing, as we do, that the great days of faith and service are not wholly past. We would welcome gratefully with you the opportunities which we with all Christian people, have for the exemplification of the teaching and life of Jesus Christ in the wider field of our modern days. We, therefore, commend you with ourselves to the leadership of Christ and the blessings of God in your future undertakings."

The third speaker at the banquet was Rev. Halah H. Loud of Hudson, N. H., pastor of the local church from 1916-21 who read an anniversary poem of the Congregational church in Wilmington composed by himself as follows:

The Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Congregational Church in Wilmington, Massachusetts
October 24, 1933

Lines written by Rev. Halah H. Loud, Hudson, N. H.
The fourteenth Minister of the Church, 1916-1921

Churches of Jesus their mission fulfill,
Preaching the gospel of peace and goodwill.
First in Judea, and then in all lands,
Millions obeying the Master's commands.
Pioneer fathers who settled these parts,
Having all courage and faith in their hearts,
Founded this Township of Wilmington, fair;
Builded their Church, at the Center, with prayer.

Ministry, faithful as ever was named,
Twenty full decades the gospel proclaimed;
Learned, and eloquent, ofttimes a saint;
Long is the record, yet free from all taint.
Pastor and people, together they stood;
Household of faith; true lovers of good;
Loyal the men and the women of yore,
Steeped in the riches of Biblical lore.

Stern was the creed of that Puritan day;
Straight, and so narrow, and rigid the way;
Yet there was humor and keen native wit;
Pathway of duty with piety lit;
Men in those days were resourceful and strong;
Firm in their struggle to right every wrong;
Ages will ever remember their deeds;
Freedom so prospered where they sowed the seeds.

Well may this Church in joy celebrate;
Feasting and pageantry help illustrate;
Sermon and anthem, and tribute profound;
Surely belong to the fathers' renown.
Humbly should Churches in gratitude bow;
Value anew the here and the now;
Give of their best to the need of the hour;
Led as God's Spirit imparteth its power.

Rightly this Wilmington Church doth rejoice,
Spreading the gospel with hand and with voice;
Praise for the Pastor, devoted and strong,
Loved by the people, in pastorate long;
Beautiful edifice; landmark the spire;
Members united in common desire;
Blessed the fellowship waiting in store,
Christ be exalted, in love, evermore.

The greetings of the town were brought by Harold E. Melzar, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and a greeting from "Our Neighbors" was brought by Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer of the Methodist Episcopal church.

John W. Hathaway spoke of the changes in the past 25 years and greetings were brought from a sister church by Rev. Henry F. Smith, of the Congregational church in West Medford. Greetings were also extended from the Woburn conference, represented by Rev. Christopher W. Collier of Lexington. At the close of these offerings of good wishes, Toastmaster Carl F. Connor presented each speaker with a souvenir program.

Prior to the addresses at the banquet a letter was read from Mrs. Harriet E. Clark, wife of Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the Christian Endeavor, expressing her good wishes for the success of the anniversary and her inability to be present.

Gifts were presented to Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Simmons and Mrs. Simmons was also presented a bouquet of roses by the toastmaster. Mr. Connor received from Rev. Arthur A. Simmons a signet ring as a mark of appreciation for his splendid work during the celebration, and Mrs. Carl F. Connor was the recipient of a bouquet of roses for her untiring efforts in making the celebration such a success.

Following the banquet and presentation of gifts, the company adjourned to the auditorium where the following program was presented:

Organ recital by Albion Metcalf of Reading, organist of the local church from 1919 to 1921, now organist of the First Baptist church, Malden; two groups of baritone solos by Clarence B. Durland of North Wilmington and an address, "Looking Backward and Forward" by Professor Edward C. Moore of Harvard university.

The program was brought to a close by the congregation singing the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Records for attendance were made at all four days of the celebration with 260 present on Saturday evening at the old-fashioned supper. Three hundred and fifty in attendance at the morning service on Sunday and about 300 at the afternoon service on Sunday. A capacity house of more than 500 persons were present Monday evening to witness the pageant and last night at the banquet 235 persons were present.

The 200th anniversary committee was as follows: President and general chairman, Carl F. Connor; secretary, Mrs. Alice Lundgren; treasurer, Harry W. De Loriea; chairman of committee, church constitution and by-laws, Howard E. Bedell; historical, Rev. A. A. Simmons; evangelistic, Mrs. Dorothea Carter; relations, Mrs. Helen H. Buck; membership, J. Turner Hood jr.

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PAST AND PRESENT.

Full Text of Senator Clark's Address, in Response to the Sentiment "Our First Senator" at the Old Home Week Celebration in Wilmington, Wednesday, August 3, 1904.

Following is the address in full as delivered by Senator Clark at the Wilmington Old Home Week Celebration, Aug. 3, in response to the sentiment, "Our First Senator."

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

Any feeling of complaisance on my part, at being introduced as the first senator, should be dissipated by consideration of the fact that the first representative preceded me by one hundred and sixty eight years. You rebuke the pretentions of a man by telling him that the same thing which he has accomplished was done before he was born. Now, the dust of the first representative from Wilmington was moldering in the grave long before even my grandfather was born. We can well excuse the people for not electing a senator then. They went as far in that direction as the law allowed, for there was, indeed, no senate. What corresponded to that body was a council of twenty eight members; but even they were not elected by the people, but by the General Court itself, subject to the approval of the governor, who was a creature of the king.

It was on the sixteenth day of May in 1735 that the sturdy yeomen of Wilmington put on their best attire, although of homespun and clumsily made, and left their rude homes in the few patches cleared from the forests and assembled at the new meeting house, a few rods northerly from where we now are, to choose their first representative. They did not ride over smooth and easy thoroughfares. Their journey was along narrow and crooked roads, whose grassy turf was broken only by parallel lines, the imprint of wheels of carts, feet of oxen, and shoes of an occasional pegasus, and winding around marshes and bogs and through the heart of the pine woods. It was an important event, and for many a Sunday it had been the chief topic of conversation on the meeting house steps between the two sermons.

The town meeting being opened with prayer by parson Varney, we can picture Mr. Samuel Dummer as he arose, and, in a short speech, told of the qualifications of Daniel Pierce, and nominated him for the office. Then balloting ensued. Upon examining the votes Mr. Pierce was declared to be elected and the meeting adjourned. We can still hear the echo of the cheers that were given for the first representative and for King George II, which broke the usual stillness of the place. We can imagine the justifiable pride with which Mrs. Dinah Pierce, the wife of the newly made statesman, came out to greet him on his return home; the delight with which his junior son took off his clown's cap and waived it; while the dog bounded out and barked his joy; and the colt in the pasture, as if conscious of some unusual happening, ran up to the rail fence where it united with the corner of the house, and whinnied. Even now we see the tall, stately form of Deacon James Thompson, as he came over through the woods that evening to tender his congratulations and participate in the banquet given in honor of the occasion, comprising baked beans, brown bread, dried apple pie, nut-cakes, ginger bread, cider apple sauce, hard cider and rum. I mention the beverage they had to add a little spirit to my remarks and make them less dry.

The first representative was fairly endowed by nature, and had received the rudimentary education that was afforded by the desultory and very limited instruction of that day. He was one of the group of intelligent and exemplary men who were looked to for leadership. He was fifty nine years old, his life had been spent in the same community, and the interests of the inhabitants were his own. He had served without reward as one of the committee on building the meeting house, and eight times since the town was organized he had been its moderator. As a committee to appear before the General Court he had fought vigorously to recover the town's claim against Woburn for parish expenses alleged to have been wrongfully collected; and he had looked out well for the two thousand acres formerly laid out to Woburn which the town claimed it ought to have; and in all boundary line contests he had guarded the interests of Wilmington. Such experience gave assurance that he would properly represent the four hundred inhabitants in the Great and General Court.

Perhaps some of you may not already know that there was a four hundred in Wilmington very long before the celebrated four hundred of New York was ever heard of.

The people were proud when Daniel Pierce took the oath to support, not the Constitution of Massachusetts, but the King of England. True, he had not seen much of the world. Indeed, most of the inhabitants had not seen the world at all, except the little spot bounded by the horizon, but as high as Heaven itself.

They toiled upon the land by day, rested in their quiet homes by night, and on Sundays spent most of their time in the meeting house, where, when not asleep, they listened to two long sermons. The new meeting house and one school house were the only public buildings. There was no post office for the mail, and likewise no mail for the post office. There was but one school-master, and he taught during the winter months only, a part of the time at the school house, but frequently, to accommodate the scholars who lived at great distances, he rotated, like a circuit judge, maintaining the school in private dwellings.

Few strangers ever came to this settlement; and the people seldom went outside of their own town. There were but few books; and as for newspapers, they had none except the Boston News-Letter, a small weekly sheet, the only one published, which occasionally found its way into the homes of the great men of the town. Daniel Pierce read that paper, now and then, which enhanced his qualifications for representative. There was little to break the monotony of life in those days. Hunting for game, which abounded in the forests, was the principal diversion. There was a quiet beauty in the surroundings, which satisfied the natures of the sentimental. Each pursued his little round of duties, moving exactly in the footsteps of his parents, and expecting at last to rest by their side under the same sod, in the Wilmington burial ground.

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Calling our present environment into contrast with those old days, we find our people living in good houses and wearing comfortable and fashionable clothing; a school system of respectable grade; the people educated; books in considerable numbers—the possessions of a public library as well as private collections; and every one reading the daily newspapers and talking over the wire with his neighbors and with the world at large.

During the present year five students from Wilmington were pursuing collegiate courses, two of whom were graduated in June. Upon the same ratio of population a town of the size of Woburn would be sending forty-five students to college, and one of the size of Stoneham, nineteen. By such comparison this town makes at least a fair showing.

We have well-made and convenient highways threading the town, and two lines of electric railway and three steam railroads. Electric cars and passengers trains that stop here run through the town on an average of one every six minutes from six in the morning to twelve at night; and seventy-three express trains pass daily, without stopping. We have two post offices, five mails arrive and five depart, daily, and there is rural free delivery.

> The letters by true lovers sent,
> In former times went oft astray;
> So Uncle Sam, with kind intent,
> Delivers them himself today.

And finally, to show that the art of husbandry has not languished, the first senator has a potato patch that could not have been excelled by that of the first representative.

As we view the changes that have come to the town from the development of time, it is apparent that they have been greater than would naturally spring from the multiplication of numbers alone. While there are four times as many inhabitants as there were in 1735, that measure of increase would not begin to indicate the transformation of the social, moral, and civic life of the town. The change has come from external causes. In the great world without, the years have been marked by phenominal progress in science, in discovery, in invention, in education. This town has been breathed upon by the spirit of that progress, and has felt the power of the genius of the age. It has touched the hem of a garment, and by that touch has been lifted into a better civilization.

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LEAVING WILMINGTON

[Sun Staff Photo]

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Simmons, who were tendered a farewell reception last night at the Congregational church at Wilmington. They leave soon for Charlemont, where Mr. Simmons has accepted a call to the pastorate there.

A farewell reception was held last night at the Congregational church in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Simmons. There were more than 350 church members and friends present despite the storm. Musical Vespers were held in their honor starting at 7 o'clock which consisted of:

Organ Prelude, Moonlight Sonata; hymn, adoration and worship, by the congregation; Scripture and Invocation, Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer; "Send Out Thy Light, senior choir; "O Lord Most Holy," Charles Allgrove; "My Task," Mrs. Philip Denner; interlude, New World Symphony, organ solo, Mrs. Alberta Mathieson; junior choir, "Splendor of God's Glory Bright," under the direction of Dr. Miriam Hosmer; hymn, "The Son of God," sung by congregation; "Feed His Flock," Mrs. Esther Nichols; "Come Unto Him," Mrs. Ada Kambour; "Nazareth," A. Clifford Woodside; "One Sweetly Solemn Thought,' senior choir; "Lost Chord," Mrs. Alberta Mathieson; hymn, congregation; benediction, Rev. A. A. Simmons; response, s enior choir; postlude, chorus.

Resolutions were read by Charles Algrove, commending Rev. and Mrs. Simmons for all that they accomplished while they were here, a copy of which will be spread upon the records of the church, and one sent to Mr. Simmons. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Simmons from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cavanaugh; two chairs and a purse of money were also presented from church members and friends. The presentations were made by Guy E. Nichols. They both responded and thanked all for making their stay here in Wilmington a pleasant one. Following the musical vespers, a reception was held in the vestry at which time Rev. and Mrs. Simmons were greeted by all their friends. Music was furnished by Mrs. Alberta Mathieson, piano, Ruth Potter, violinist, and Arthur George, cello. Refreshments were served with Mrs. Alberta Coombs and Mrs. Dorothy Carter as co-chairmen and Mrs. Inez Nichols. Reception committee included John Nitchie, George Kambour, Frank Hadley, Frank Haynes, Roland Lamb, and Burt Tilley; general committee, Mrs. George Kambour, Mrs. Guy E. Nichols, Mrs. Robert Carter, Mrs. Eugene Coombs, John Nitchie and Philip E. Buzzell, Miss Henrietta Swain was in charge of the guest book.

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Rev. Arthur A. Simmons has been here for fifteen years and will leave for Charlemont, on Thursday. He was born at Grafton, and attended high school there, later attending Worcester academy and Harvard ministry. He was sales manager with Underwood and Underwood in England, Ireland and Scotland from 1905 to 1910, business manager from 1910 to 1912 in Canada. He was pastor of Montvale Community church from 1912 to 1917 and worked with the Y. M. C. A. in Russia, Egypt and Germany during and after the World war. He was associate minister of the Elliot Congregational church, Roxbury, 1922-24, pastor of Wilmington Congregational church, 1922-1939.

Wilmington Boy Scouts held their regular meeting at the town hall on Friday night with the court of honor being conducted by the Rev. Arthur A. Simmons. The boys presented him with a bronze statuette of a Scout, a pin and a wall certificate on which every boy's name was inscribed. Frank Plympton, a member of the committee, presented Mr. Simmons a letter of appreciation for the many years of service on the Scout committee. The meeting was opened at 7.30 by Assistant Scout Master Charles Soule. Bugler Wehher sounded assembly and to the colors. A class in artificial respiration was held and a candidate class led by the senior Scouts. The investiture ceremony was led by Charles Soule and the following received their tenderfoot pins: Francis Peters, William Dickenson, Donald Anderson and William Wetherbee. The court of honor was led by Rev. Simmons and the following were awarded pins: First class, James O'Brien, merit badges, William Irwin, in book binding, wood carving, camping, civics, path finding; Chester Gerty, civics; Harold Smith, scholarship; Joseph Fields, scholarship, civics; Irvin Rice, civics, camping, path finding, wood carving, book binding, wood working, leather craft, bird studies and cycling. Irving Rice has applied for the Eagle Scout award as he has received all the merit badges. He is the sixth Scout to receive the Eagle award since Scouts were organized in 1931.

Joseph Fields received the life Scout award and has made application to national headquarters for the certificate. The Rattlesnake patrol received the banner for having the most parents present at the meeting and will keep it for a month.

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Farewell Reception Held for Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Simmons — 13 Inches of Snow Falls Here

Wilmington, March 13.

A fitting and appreciative tribute was paid to Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Simmons last evening when the Congregational church was filled to capacity with people of all denominations and ages, who were there to bid the pastor and his wife good-bye, as they are to go to Charlemont, Mass., this week. Rev. and Mrs. Simmons have been in Wilmington for the past 15 years and they have grown very close to the hearts of all who live here. At 7 o'clock a musical program was presented in the upper church as follows:

Organ prelude, Moonlight Sonata, Beethoven
Mrs. Angus Mathieson
Hymn 19,
Congregation
Scripture and Invocation,
Rev. B. G. Seaboyer
Send Out Thy Light ....Gounod
Senior Choir
O Lord Most Holy .....Franck
Charles J. Allgrove jr.
My Task .....Ashford
Mrs. Phillip F. Denner
Interlude
New World Symphony ....Dvorak
Mrs. Angus Mathieson
O Splendor of God's Glory Bright .....Plainsong
Lovely Appear .....Gounod
Junior Choir
Congregation
Feed His Flock
Come Unto Him,
Messiah-Handel
Mrs. Guy Nichols and Mrs. George Kambour
Nazareth ..... Gounod
Clifford Woodside
One Sweetly Solemn Thought,
Ambrose
Senior Choir
Lost Chord .....Sullivan
Mrs. Angus Mathieson.

At this point in the program, Charles J. Allgrove jr. came forward and presented a resolution to the church on the work and accomplishments of Rev. and Mrs. Simmons. The resolution was accepted by the church and then Guy E. Nichols presented Rev. and Mrs. Simmons two easy chairs from the members of the church. Mrs. Simmons was also presented a bouquet of flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cavanaugh. A large sum of money was then given the couple, who were much overcome by the pleasant surprise. Mrs. Simmons thanked every one present and told them how much the people of Wilmington meant to her. Rev. Mr. Simmons then thanked everyone for his gift and very nicely invited any one at any time to come and visit them and sit in his new chair. The program then proceeded as follows:

Hymn 442,
Congregation
Benediction and Response,
Rev. B. G. Seaboyer and Senior Choir
Postlude, Hallelujah Chorus,
Hendel
Mrs. Angus Mathieson.

Reception Held.

Following the musical vespers service the people then retired to the vestry of the church where a reception was held, and where Rev. and Mrs. Simmons received the good wishes of all. Refreshments were served. The music for the reception included a 'cello, violin and piano.

The most impressive part in the program according to Rev. Mr. Simmons was the fact that so many loyal friends ventured out in the worst storm of the winter.

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Legion Auxiliary, in Regular Meeting, Expresses Regret at Departure from Town of Rev. Arthur A. Simmons.

Wilmington, Feb. 21.

The auxiliary unit to Wilmington Post, 136, A. L., held a regular meeting in American Legion hall Monday evening. Mrs. M. Alice Lee, president, conducted the meeting, during which plans were made to hold whist parties for the benefit of the unit, and the secretary was instructed to send a letter of regret to Rev. Arthur A. Simmons on his departure from the town to his new church at Charlemont.

New Community Church Splendid Success

On Sunday the first service in the new Community church on Swain road was held under the supervision of Rev. A. A. Simmons. Mrs. George Wilson donated the house and the surrounding land for the cause. An organ was installed and was played by Virginia Woodside. The church service was held in the afternoon from 2.30 to 3.30. About 50 persons attended. From 3.30 to 4.30 the Sunday school was in session.

The persons in the vicinity of Swain road lived too far away to attend the churches in the center, and the new church is a great convenience for them. Mr. Simmons is to be congratulated on the success of the enterprise.

REV. ARTHUR A. SIMMONS PRESENTED WITH NEW FORD

Too surprised and overcome with joy was Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Simmons, last Tuesday evening, to really say much of anything, when an extremely large gathering of Congregatalionists were present at "The Barn" to present Mr. Simmons with a brand new 1930 Ford Tudor sedan. Oscar Lundregan made the presentation, and the Ford was delivered by John Niehe, from the salesrooms of Lalime and Partridge. There was a short gathering first in the barn, and then Rev. and Mrs. Simmons were brought down to see and receive the new "rejuvenated Ford."

Mr. Simmons was lost for words of gratitude, but Mrs. Simmons managed to utter "Oh! Mr. Lundgren" when the presentation was made. No inkling of the coming presentation was brought to the attention of the Simmons, in fact his old "Flivver" was taken away, and it was promised that it would be fixed, and if all the mechanics can fix Fords the way that Mr. Niche did the old "Congregational Ford", there would really be no need of building new cars.

The machine was delivered to Rev. Simmons, complete in every detail. It carries a black and blue, extremely dark blue finish, with wire wheels, slip covers, and in fact fully equipped. The machine was registered in Mr. Simmons name, and the insurance, taxes and all were paid. Under the aid of a flash light, Mr. iSmmons received the bill of sale, registration and al lthe papers purtaining to the car, and all he will need now is a few lessons in driving, and then pleasure and rest from the trials and tribulations of the old machine.

After the presentation, everyone returned to the barn for a light collation prepared by the ladies. Everyone present wished the Simmones much pleasure with the new car.

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Wheatless Food Demonstration Car To Visit Towns in Lowell District

In the interest of the campaign to encourage the use of wheatless food, and thus to help our allies win the war, a demonstration car is to be sent to several of the towns in the Lowell district next week.

On Aug. 13 the car will visit Billerica and Chelmsford and on the following day it will make trips to Dracut and Wilmington.

This wheatless food demonstration electric car has been drawing thousands in each community visited and the daily lessons on wheatless dishes, the display of the fireless cooker and iceless ice box have been of great interest. Experts in food conservation are prepared to answer any questions asked by housekeepers and the latest idea and rulings of the food administration will be introduced.

The care and feeding of little children will be another feature of this car, and a trained nurse will be in daily attendance to help mothers in their individual problems. Careful instruction upon the preparation of the children's diet in war time will be one of the special details.

This splendid plan of taking food and child welfare lectures, recipes and literature to the busy mothers who cannot leave home to visit city centres has been put into operation by the Massachusetts woman's committee, Council of National Defense, Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, chairman, through the generous financial backing of Mrs. A. Lawrence Hopkins of Boston. Miss S. Agnes Donham, chairman of the house economics department, State Federation of Woman's Clubs, originated the traveling car plan and the idea was immediately accepted by the council. Miss Donham is in charge of the project and directs all operating details. The actual food demonstrations and lectures are given by Miss Carolyn P. Webber, also of the federation home economics department, assisted by two pupils of the Garland School of Homemaking.

The car itself decked with national, state and food conservation flags and with huge poster, will attract immediate attention wherever it goes, as it has already done during its four days stay in Postoffice Square, Boston. Of the observation type the car with its large platforms and broad windows and movable seats is admirably adapted for the purpose. One platform is fitted up with kerosene stove and large mixing table where wheatless foods will be prepared while you wait. Inside are food exhibits, notable among them being the "Corn Federacy—Home Guard," suggesting the use of corn at home that wheat may be sent abroad.

Such legends as "Food Will Win the War," "Cut Out the Eat from Wheat and Meat," and "Toot the Tute In Substitute," "Keep the Babies Clean, Cool and Contented," "Keep the Babies' Milk Clean, Cool, and Covered," are plastered all over the outside so that he who runs may read.

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Wilmington's celebration last Saturday of the return of her sons was the brightest chapter in the town's history. She gave 136 of her boys to the war, and one—John J. Regan—filled a martyr's grave. A boulder was dedicated to him as a part of the exercises.

The program consisted of a parade (held only in part on account of the rain), exercises in the Congregational Church, presentation in behalf of the town of a flag to the new Post, American Legion, banquet and ball.

The orators of the day were Rev. Lyman Rollins, Chaplain of the 101st Infantry, and Rev. Fr. Richard Boland. The committee in charge consisted of Edward B. Eames, ch., Mrs. William A. Allen, Sec'y, Louis T. McMahon, Treas., Mr. and Mrs. Caleb S. Harriman, Mrs. Walter G. Frazee, Charles C. Alden, Herbert C. Barrows, Mrs. Tyler Stevens, Edward Neilson, Roscoe Frame.

WILMINGTON, Sept. 29—Many persons have visited the farm of Herbert Barrows of Woburn street to see the crop of hybrid corn that he has grown with great success. The cob measures about 16 inches long with 14 rows of corn on the cob. This grade of corn comes from DeKalb, Ill. and has never been grown in this part of the country with much success. At the present time Mr. Barrows has harvested about 400 bushels which will be fed to the horses and pigs this winter. The seed was planted about May 15 and is at present being husked in the field and then taken to the corn crib in the barn. Due to present conditions, Mr. Barrows feels proud of the fact that he had success in the planting of this field of corn.

Misses Henrietta and May Swain of Lowell street had the rare pleasure of watching about 50 snow buntings or snowflakes, Monday, feeding on weeds in a field opposite their home. This is the first time that these birds have been reported seen in Wilmington in 20 years.

This morning was one of the coldest for the past two years. Perry's Corner reported a temperature of 28 below zero, while it was 20 below at Silver lake and 18 below at the centre of the town.

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Susanna Hale Celebrates Birthday

Miss Susanna Hale of Woburn Street, celebrated her 90th birthday on Friday, October 27 with friends and relatives. Miss Hale, commonly known to most of us as Aunt Suzy is believed to be the oldest lady in Wilmington. She was born in 1860 in the house now occupied by Mr. George McKittrick of Eames Street. Her mother was born in Wilmington, and her father in Exeter, New Hampshire. Miss Hale is a composer of fine poetry and an example of her work is shown below.

Growing Old

I'm thinking today of that land far away
Where the streets are all paved with pure gold
By and by I'll be there in that land bright and fair,
It's a land where we never grow old.

Please Lord take my hand,
Lead me home to that place, where all the streets are all paved with pure gold
I want to sit down and rest for a while,
In that land where we never grow old.

And when in that land, that beautiful land
The face of my Saviour, I'll see
And how sweet it will be to sit by the side,
Of the one who dearly loves me.

—Susanna Hale

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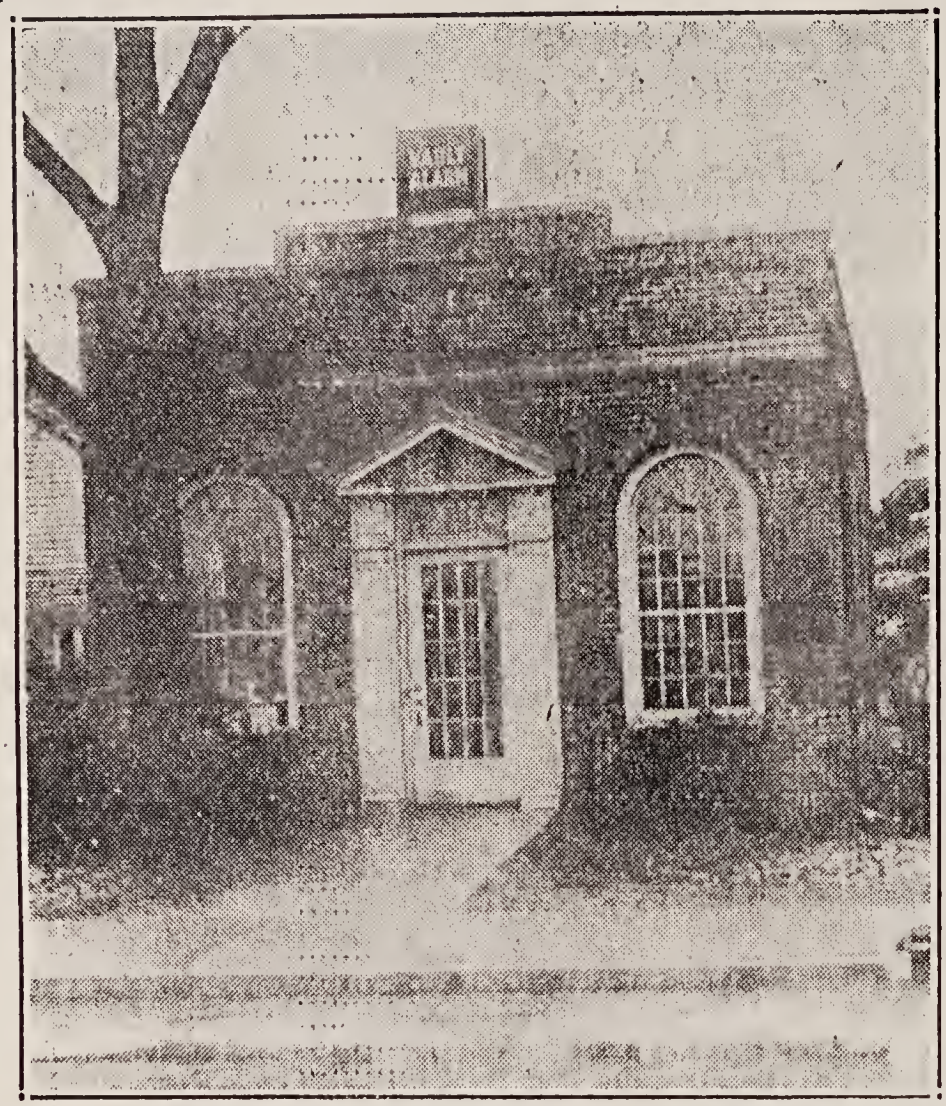
SCENE OF BANK ROBBERY



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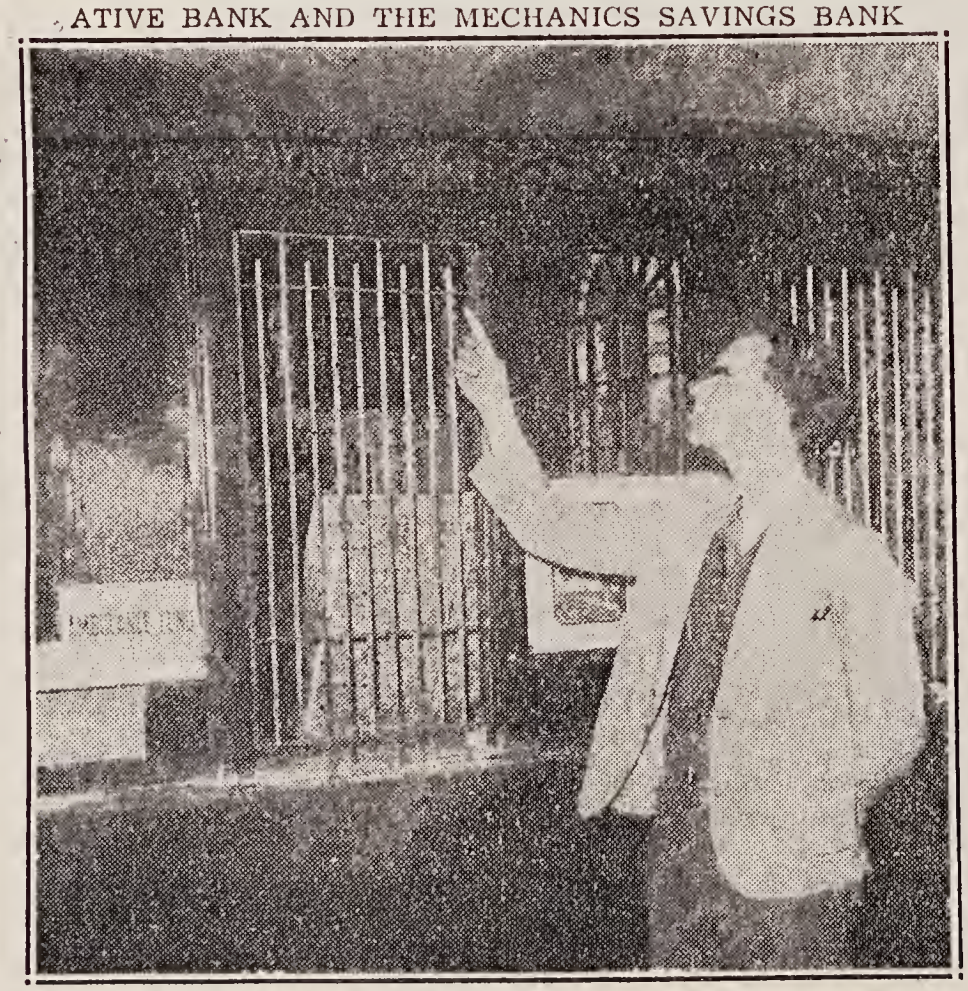

ROLAND DEMMING

Teller at Wilmington bank points to top of cashier's cage over which one of two gunmen climbed in holdup yesterday.

Shortly after 12:30 yesterday noon, two men pulled up in front of the Wilmington branch of the Reading Bank and parked a car with right wheels to the curbing at the door. They got out and entered the bank, which was empty at the time except for Demming, the teller, and McMahon, the manager. McMahon was on his way into the back room for his hat and coat to go to lunch. Demming was at the counter of his cage, adding a column of figures.

Warned From Alarm

Demming looked up to see the muzzle of an automatic pistol pointing through the bars of the cage. "Stay where you are," he was told, "and keep away from that burglar alarm." The gunman appeared to know the location of the burglar alarm and nodded toward it in the center of the floor. Demming stood stock still. "There was nothing else I could do," he said later.

McMahon, in the doorway between the front and rear room, halted and looked back. "Come back here you," he quoted the same gunman. "I walked back into the room and stood quiet," said McMahon.

The second gunman clambered over the eight-foot hig' cage, jumped down to the counter and to the floor. He scooped up all the bills in sight, reached for the catch on the door and let his companion in. His companion took out from beneath his coat an ordinary shopping bag with rope handles, opened it, and holding the weapon in one hand and the bag with the other allowed his pal to stuff it with bills.

Cash Draw Overlooked

The job was done quickly and with precision. The gunmen overlooked the drawer containing the collected water taxes and money collected for the Reading Gas and Electric Light Company, about $400; turned their backs upon their victims and walked calmly to the door and sped away in their automobile.

No one on the street saw them. It was sleeting at the time and there were few people abroad during the lunch hour. The car sped down Main st, turned off at Middlesex av, thence to Church st, turning off on Wildwood road in the direction of Woburn.

Apparently the car roared down deserted Wildwood road at breakneck speed. About a mile from the junction of Wildwood road and Church st the road curves sharply. The road was wet and slippery. The car apparently skidded, veered to the left of the road into the soft shoulder and, as it toppled, struck a telegraph post, righted itself again, turned at right angles and careened across the roadway, about 25 feet, into the soft marsh on the other side.

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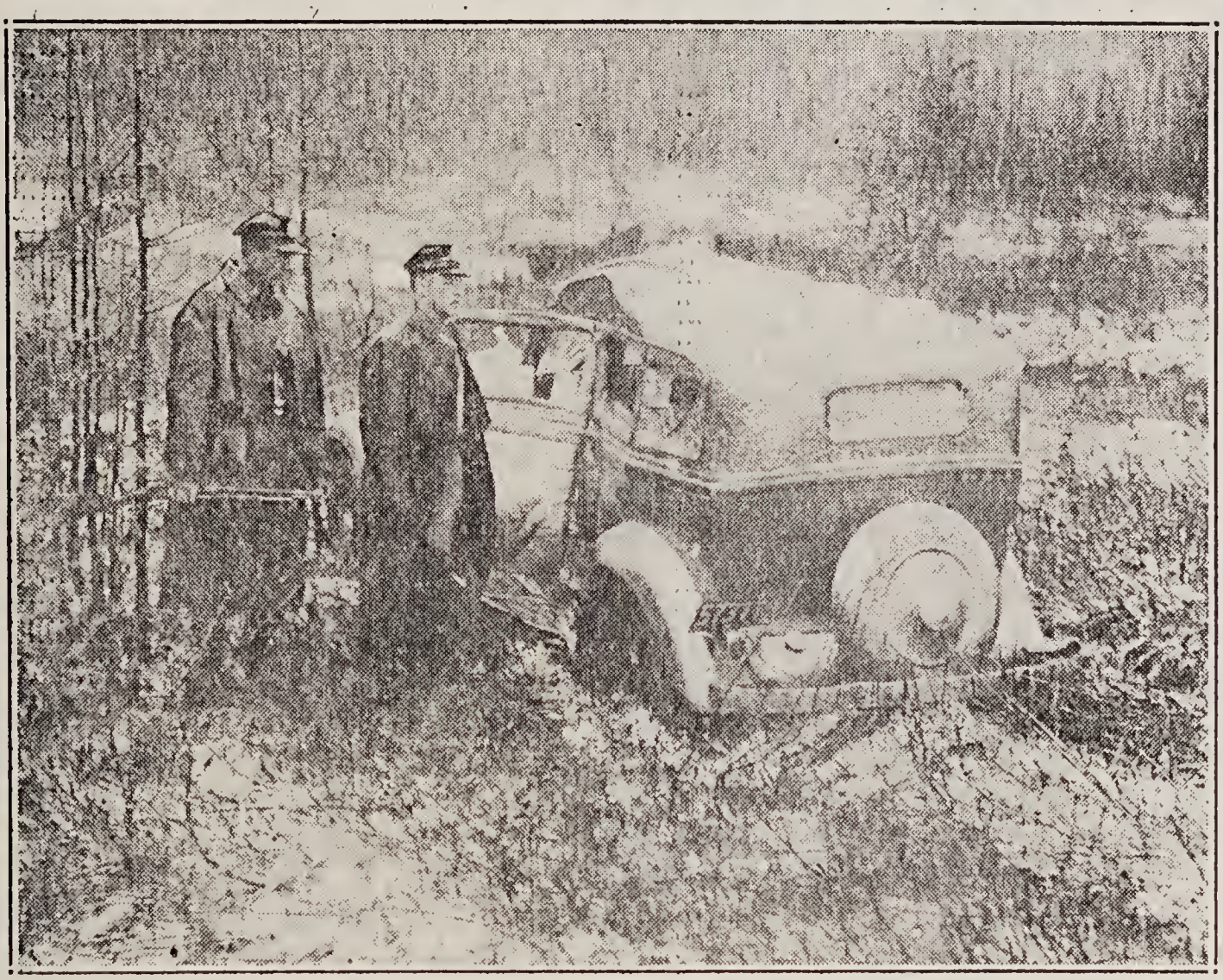
POLICE GUARD AUTO ABANDONED BY BANK ROBBERS AT WILMINGTON



AUTO ABANDONED IN WILMINGTON SWAMP AFTER HITTING POLE. POLICE COMBED SECTION FOR FLEEING BANK ROBBERS AND PICKED UP SUSPECT NEARBY.

THEY DISCOVERED ROBBERS' CAR

ARTHUR WILLIAMS

ELMER EATON

Wilmington Water Department Employes Who Noticed Wrecked Auto Abandoned by Gunmen in Swamp After Wilmington Bank Robbery.

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THEY FACED BANK ROBBERS

JOSEPH McMAHON (LEFT) AND ROLAND DEMMING
Employes of Wilmington Bank

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MARSHES SEARCHED FOR BANK ROBBERS

Two Men Believed Injured and Lost Somewhere in Wilmington

By JOSEPH F. DINNEEN

WILMINGTON, April 10—Squad cars of the State Police, the city of Woburn and the town of Wilmington, with half a hundred State troopers and local patrolmen, were concentrating upon a search of the woods and marshes in this section today in the belief that the two men who held up and robbed the bank here yesterday of $2800 are lost and injured.

Searchers were following their zigzag trail in the wet snow through the wide marshes and woods, over quicksand and mire, where it is possible they may be entrapped.

Speeding from the scene of the holdup yesterday, rounding a curve, the stolen car skidded and was damaged so much that police are convinced the driver could not have escaped unhurt.

At 4:45 this morning, Richard Saunders of Woburn st, Wilmington, was awakened by a rapping upon his front door. "I looked out of the window," he told police, "and saw two men. One of them, a man of medium height, with a mustache, was standing upon the steps of the porch. The other, wearing a stained bandage or handkerchief, was standing in the snow on the lawn."

Two Revere Men Sought

"Will you let us come in for a while to get warm, Buddy?" he quoted one of them as inquiring. "We're wet and frozen."

"Sorry," was his reply. "My wife isn't up yet and I have three kids who are still asleep."

He watched them depart and go to the Carlson house, not far away at Perrys Corner. No one was home at the Carlson house. They tried doors and windows, according to Saunders, and then cut off through the woods toward the marshes.

Saunders did not have a telephone in his house. He dressed immediately and went to the nearest phone at the factory of the old Merrimac Chemical Company, where he told Supt. Lunt. Lunt drove immediately to the Wilmington police and squad cars were sent out to pick up the two men.

Then men could not be found by the patrolmen, but they found two bus drivers and the driver of a milk wagon on the road, all of whom reported having seen the men.

As a result of information received by police this morning, by radio and teletype other Police Departments were asked to pick up two Revere men, who are wanted for questioning in connection with the holdup yesterday.

Three Held

Three men are being held at the Woburn Police Station today for questioning in connection with the holdup. Among them is Samuel Cropper who, State detectives say, will face charges as a result of the discovery of $817 in a lavatory adjoining a cell he occupied while awaiting questioning in the Wilmington Police Station last night.

Cropper, an E. R. A. worker, had $12 in his pocket when he was picked up a second time early this morning.

As police reconstruct the holdup now, it was "fingered" by a person familiar with the layout of the bank and the geography of the town. The job, they believe, was done by two men from outside the city, who pulled up at the bank yesterday, held it up, got away with the loot, and in speeding away from the town, skidded on the slippery road and hurtled into the marsh.

It is now believed that they were harbored in a house not far from the scene of the accident, but when the pursuit of police became hot last night, they decided to make a break for it through the marshes this morning.

Footprints Seen

As a result of a tip received in the early morning, State detectives came to Wilmington around 5 this morning, went to the house in question and discovered that the gunmen were not there but found footprints leading from the back door of the house toward the marsh.

The search of the marshes and woodlands was [illegible] In the meantime [illegible] went to Revere to make certain investigations there in connection with the disappearance of the automobile of Alphonse Pasquale. His car was reported stolen on March 29.

Police believe they are on the trail of a group responsible for several holdups in this locality. When the Wilmington bank was being held up yesterday, State detectives Sherlock and O'Neil were in Woburn investigating the payroll holdup in which Elihu Lyman, president and treasurer of the Massachusetts Gear and Tool Works, was robbed of $1300.

They were notified by State Police Headquarters of the holdup in Wilmington and sped from Woburn to that town.

Lyman came to Woburn Police Headquarters this morning to look over certain of the men held for questioning here, and told police that "thought that one of the men [illegible]d like the fellow." He could not [illegible]e a positive identification.

Cropper Drenched and Injured

Shortly after 6 p m yesterday patrolmen Buton Frotten and Fred Fields picked up Cropper as he came out of the cemetery. Cropper was drenched to the knees as if he had been in the swamp, and when he was brought to the Wilmington police station for questioning, it was discovered that he had fresh cuts on the left side of his face, beneath his left eye and on his nose.

Roland Deming, brought to the Wilmington Police Station last night to look at Cropper, declared that he was not one of the pair who had entered the bank yesterday, shortly after noon, and held them up at gunpoint.

Cropper had been held by Chief Ainsworth for the State Police, and he was questioned at length by State Detectives Sherlock and O'Neil and later by Detectives Ferrari and Dempsey. Late at night he was removed to the Woburn Police Station for further questioning. Early this morning he was released.

Discovery of $817 Roll

Soon after his release, Chief Ainsworth reported that one of his police officers, Paul Washburn, had discovered in the lavatory adjoining the cell occupied by Cropper while he was waiting to be questioned by State detectives, a wad of money which Cropper had apparently tried to dispose of. Chief Ainsworth and officer Washburn retrieved the money and found that there was $817 in the roll.

State detectives and State Police had left the Woburn Police Station. Sergt Henry W. Sweeney of the Woburn police sent patrolmen William F. Kenney, Joseph Dion and Edward Riel to Charles st and they took Cropper into custody just as he was about to enter his home. When they returned to the station, $12 was found in Cropper's pocket.

State detectives were notified and returned again to Woburn early this morning to question Cropper further. Cropper is an E. R. A. worker. He told police that he had worked until 12:30 yesterday afternoon and that during the afternoon he had shopped for his wife, and later took a ride around Woburn and Wilmington with a friend who sells pool tickets. The friend, he says, let him out of the car in the vicinity of the cemetery late yesterday afternoon, promising to return for him within a half-hour.

Foreman Alfred Marion of the E. R. A. gang in which Cropper worked told police that Cropper had been dismissed for the day with the rest of the workers at 11:45 a m. Cropper has a police record and had served a term on Welfare Island, New York city, for an automobile theft in New York. He is 25.

Believe Money Hidden in Cemetery

It is believed by police that following the accident yesterday afternoon, the money stolen from the bank was cached in the cemetery. For this reason more than a score of State troopers searched the cemetery this morning.

The surprising feature of the ar[illegible] and questioning of Cropper is that although his clothes were

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touched to see if they contained arms, when he was brought into the Wilmington Police Station last night, he was not searched. The explanation given is that Wilmington police did not want to interfere with the examination of the suspect by State Police, and neither questioned nor searched him, and State detectives assumed that the formal search had already taken place.

The police said that Cropper had gone into the lavatory at the police lockup soon after he was taken into custody near the spot where the automobile, used by the holdup men in their escape, had struck a pole and skidded into a marsh.

Immediately after the find was reported police began to take apart the lavatory fixtures in an effort to find more money. One of the bills found was a $50 bill. Two $50 bills were taken in the holdup of the Mechanics Cooperative and Reading Savings Bank branch in Wilmington.

Cropper is a tire worker. He is known as "Mex" in the Woburn-Wilmington district.

Cropper told various stories of his movements but police investigation failed to sustain any of the stories. A Woburn tavern keeper denied last night that Cropper had been in a fight in his tavern Monday night, and that he received cuts about the nose and eyes in the fight, resulting in the blood stains on the suspect's shirt.

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Flees With About $1000; Uses Stolen Lowell Car

Forces Woman Customer To Fill Bag With Loot While He Covers Bank Manager With Gun

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Oct. 27—An armed bandit held up the Mechanics Savings bank of Reading branch office here shortly after noon today and escaped with approximately $1000 in cash, making his getaway in an automobile stolen in Lowell Oct. 23 and apparently heading in the direction of Middleton after first starting towards Lowell. Whether he had an accomplice in the car was not immediately determined, but it is believed that he had.

Big Police Net

Chief Harry Ainsworth and the entire Wilmington police force, state troopers from Reading and Andover and police from all of the towns and cities in this section of the state, warned by radio and teletype, established a cordon about the area but up to press time no trace had been found of either him or his car.

According to the story told to Chief Ainsworth, who sped to the bank when the burglar alarm was sounded at 12.15 p. m., the bandit entered the bank at a time when Manager Joseph McMahon was waiting on a customer, Mrs. Ruth Bond of Wilmington.

Brushing Mrs. Bond aside and brandishing a revolver, the bandit said:

"No fooling, I mean business, hand over your cash."

McMahon passed over the bills in the cash draw, estimated at less than $1000, and the bandit ordered Mrs. Bond to hold a bag he took from his pocket while he stuffed the bills in.

Bandits Description

Then, warning the two to keep quiet until he got away, the bandit left the bank, got into the machine and drove away. McMahon immediately sounded the burglar alarm and police rushed to the scene. The registration numbers of the car were provided police by persons who saw the get-away and the car was identified immediately as one stolen in Lowell recently.

The bandit started out for Lowell but later headed over onto route 62, which runs towards Middleton. He is described as about five feet, 10 inches in height, weighing about 150 pounds and wearing a brown suit and hat.

WILMINGTON BANK MARKED SUCCESS

The Wilmington Branch of the Reading Co-operative and Mechanics Savings Bank has entered on its fifth month. Its success has been marked by the splendid support given by the townspeople.

The motto of the Co-operative Bank is "Own Your Home". This bank has in a short time helped to start many of our people on the road to that goal. Many others have been able to add to and increase the comforts of their homes.

The Co-operative offers shares of stock for sale which should have a two-fold interest to everyone. They pay a 5 percent dividend and at the same time you are helping someone in your town to own their home.

The savings bank has opened many new accounts and offers a splendid chance for people to conveniently add to their savings. Next month this bank opens its Tax Club. This should certainly interest all tax payers. By anticipating your tax requirements you can deposit a small amount each week. Next year when your taxes become due, a check will be mailed you from the bank.

In this way you can pay your taxes on a convenient basis, as it is not always easy to raise the money for taxes on the first of November.

It is hoped a great many people will take advantage of this club.

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BANK HELD-UP AGAIN $2010 RECOVERED

Officer Hoban Captures Bandit After 2 Mile Chase When Car Turns Over

YOUTH ADMITS HOLD UP OF OCT. 27, $260 RECOVERED FROM THIS JOB.

Following a 2 mile chase across town, a youthful bandid who gives his name as Edward Babson was captured at gun point this morning, by officer Francis Hoban, less than 10 minutes after he held up the local savings bank.

Babson, 20 years old and who lives at 7 Forester St., Newburyport, cheerfully admitted holding up the bank on Oct. 27 and a Gas station at Rowley, Mass, on Oct. 23rd. Then handed over $260, left from the last bank job.

Entering the bank about 10:30 A. M. forcing William J. LeRiche a Lowell Taxi driver in front of him, Babson order manager Joseph McMahon and Roland Deming to "Get em up! saying I understand I missed some last time so let's have it"

Following his capture, Babson told how he had hired the taxi in Lowell forcing the driver to take him to Wilmington then into the bank.

Babson Pleads Guilty to Two Armed Holdups

Newburyport Youth Admits Stealing $3703 from Mechanics Savings Bank ---Sentences Concurrent

Wilmington, Dec. 19.

Edward J. Babson, aged 20, of Newburyport, pleaded guilty to two charges of armed robbery in the holdup of the Mechanics Savings bank here on Oct. 27 and Nov. 24, when he appeared before Judge John C. Donnelly in Superior court, East Cambridge, this morning. Babson was found guilty on two charges or armed robbery and was given a 10-12 year sentence on each charge, the sentences to be served concurrently.

Babson, a deserter from the coast guard service, held up the local bank on Oct. 27, when he took $1693 in cash and fled before he could be apprehended. On the second occasion, on the morning of Nov. 24, he returned to the same bank and this time declared, "I've come back for the rest," took $2010 in cash.

Due to the quick thinking of the cashier, Joseph McMahon of this town, who flashed the signal to Officer Francis J. Hoban, who was at the police box in the local square, Babson was caught.

Officer Hoban gave chase in the police cruiser for more than two miles during which time Officer Hoban sho* several times at the fleeing bandit who used a taxicab, of William J. LeRiche of Lowell which finally overturned. When apprehended Babson gave himself up without a struggle.

All the money taken in the second holdup was recovered while but $260 of the first loot was recovered by the bank. The remainder of the money, was spent, Babson said, on a pleasure trip to the West coast.

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Willmington Officer Cited for Bank Bandit's Capture

(Special to the Courier-Citizen.)

WILMINGTON, Dec. 4—County, town and bank officials tonight publicly recognized the outstanding courage of Officer Frank J. Hoban of the local Police department for unusual bravery shown in the capture of a bandit who held up the local Mechanics Savings bank twice within a month.

District Attorney Robert F. Bradford personally congratulated Officer Hoban on the stage of the town hall before about 100 townspeople for the good work and unusual courage displayed in the capture of Edward Babson, aged 20, of Manchester, N. H., who is charged with holding up the bank on Oct. 27 and Nov. 24. Bradford said the town should be proud of Officer Hoban, and stated that Middlesex county officials are glad to have him included as an enforcement officer within the district.

Lt.-Detective Edward J. Sherlock of the district attorney's office was also present and highly lauded the courage displayed by Officer Hoban. CHARLES

Receives Two Cheques.

Frank H. Black, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, read a congratulatory letter, praising the efforts of Officer Hoban and expressing the appreciation of the town in having so able an officer on its police force. Following the reading of the letter from the selectmen, Chairman Black presented Officer Hoban a cheque for $50 from the town. Officer Hoban expressed his thanks to Chairman Black, and asserted he was proud

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Wilmington Officer Gets Praise in Bandit Arrest

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to be a member of the Wilmington Police department.

Joseph B. McMahon, treasurer of the bank and Roland C. Dewing also expressed their personal thanks to the officer, and Treasurer McMahon presented the honored guest a cheque for $100 in behalf of the bank.

Officer Hoban has been a member of the local Police department for the past 11 years, and makes his home with his wife and four children in Middlesex avenue.

Makes Capture Unaided.

He was publicly commended tonight for his capture of Babson following a wild chase on Nov. 24, after Babson, police declare, held up employees and got away with $2010 in cash from the Mechanics bank.

At the time of the robbery, Officer Hoban, who was at the police box in Wilmington square, gave chase to Babson following a signal from Treasurer McMahon. During the pursuit, Hoban fired several shots at the fleeing bandit and succeeded in puncturing a rear tire, which caused the bandit car to overturn. Hoban took Babson at gun-point. Babson is also charged with holding up the same bank on Oct. 27 and making away with $1633. He admitted going on a trip to the West Coast, where he spent all but $260 of the loot of his first venture, the remainder of which was recovered when Babson was seized by Officer Hoban.

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Real Public Servants

The police officers of Wilmington who came to the aid of accident victims in Tewksbury last Saturday afternoon are to be commended for their work.

While they may have gone outside their jurisdictional bounds when they crossed over in the neighboring town, an emergency caused by an automobile accident is an incident that calls for the speediest action. The question of boundaries should be forgotten in cases of this kind. It would have been ridiculous if the Wilmington police had stopped short at the Tewksbury line, refusing to give aid on the grounds that they could not trespass. As human beings more than officers of the law, they were compelled to respond to an SOS from people in distress.

The incident is better forgotten. In the future, we hope that police officers everywhere will go to the aid of all people in distress regardless of townships, boundary lines—and the possibility of incurring criticism from other policemen.

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WILMINGTON HURRICANE DAMAGE—Uprooted by Thursday night's hurricane, the huge tree pictured above was toppled against this Wilmington home.

Storms Cause Heavy Damage; Barn Destroyed

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Aug. 15—Wilmington experienced yesterday one of the worst wind, rain and electrical storms for many years. It reached almost hurricane velocity. The storm broke over the town about 2 o'clock and lasted for more than two hours. At 2.10 a large barn of William H. Feindel on Andover street was struck by a bolt burning the roof and interior. Sixty chickens were burned, but Mr. Feindel herded nine large pigs out of the cellar of the barn into another barn. It was estimated that the damage would reach $5000. The fire department saved the house and another barn which was in the path of the flames. Two tons of hay had to be pitched out after the fire was under control. The telephone in the house was put out of order when the bolt struck, and Mrs. Feindel was forced to go a half mile to the pumping station to telephone the fire departments. About 2.30 all telephones in the town were out of order, as well as the electric lights in the north part of the town.

A large limb of a tree was struck, falling over Andover street, and it was held up by the fires across the street. The highway department in charge of Superintendent James White was kept busy clearing the streets of limbs and branches in all parts of the town.

At Wildwood cemetery on the main avenue limbs and branches were strewn over the lots and a gravestone was knocked down after being hit by a fallen limb. Superintendent Ernest W. Eames stated that it resembled a hurricane and that it would take several days to clear up the debris.

A large tree was struck on the property of Town Accountant Harry Deming on Federal street, just missing the house. The transformer was struck, and the house bell was rung three times, according to Mr. Deming.

A telephone pole on Main street near the town farm bridge was struck and hung over Main street. Officer Adam Koslowski was dispatched to the scene, and traffic had to pass in single line until the pole and wires were straightened out. The fire alarm whistle on the town hall was put out of order and a crew was kept at the station in case of an emergency. The telephone at the fire station was also out of order. Much damage was reported to crops and flowers which were leveled to the ground. The telephone service was restored again about 8.30 last night. Most of the damage wrought by the storm was centered about North Wilmington.

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Wilmington Experiences Worst Storm in Years

Trees Uprooted Making Streets Impassable---Telephone, Electric Services Disrupted---Hailstones Destroy Crops

Wilmington, Aug. 17.

One of the worst storms ever experienced in this locality hit this town hard at 1.45 o'clock this afternoon leaving trees in all sections of the town uprooted and broken. Not a street in any section of the town was passable when the storm had spent its fury.

On Church street a large maple tree on the front lawn at the home of Tax Collector George W. Buck was uprooted and fell across the roadway, another large maple tree near the home of Francis Hoban in Middlesex avenue was also uprooted and fell across the highway carrying down electric light and telephone wires. Between the home of Charles J. Allgrove jr. and Frank L. Eames in Middlesex avenue three large poplar trees in a row along the street line were all uprooted. On the estate of Frank A. Roman in Church street, large apple trees and many pine trees in the grove in the rear of his home were also uprooted.

In the rear of the home of Edward N. Eames in Church street, two large pine trees were uprooted and when they fell, took electric service wires down, between the house and the garage.

A large maple tree was broken off in Burlington avenue and fell across the roadway here. Trees were across the roadway in Forest street, and many homes in this section suffered heavily from broken windows, caused by the heavy downpour of hail stones. Along the cellar walls of the houses in this section the hail stones piled up like miniature snow drifts, and for two hours after the storm had passed over, one could still gather up hands full of hail stones.

Pole Broken Off.

An electric light pole on Aldrich road was in a precarious position having been broken off at its base by the force of the wind, hail and rain. This section too, had many trees uprooted, and in Shawsheen avenue, many large trees were uprooted, and a barn, and a garage in the process of building at the home of Alden N. Eames, collapsed, and was totally destroyel. Many large pine trees near the home of Roy Taylor in Shawsheen avenue were uprooted, as were trees in front of the store of David Wilcox also in Shawsheen avenue. In Main street a plate glass window at the Wilmington Builders Supply Co. was broken, and a large tree between the Mechanics Savings bank and the home of George C. Griffith was uprooted and came to rest against the savings bank. Awnings on downtown stores were ripped off and broken by the force of the young cyclone and many automobiles were stalled along the highway as it was utterly impossible to see through the driving rain and hail.

Large trees were broken off in Boutwell street at the McDermott and Frank J. Hadley homes, and a telephone pole was also ripped from its moorings in Chestnut street and was hanging dangerously over the roadway.

Garage Destroyed.

A large tree in Marion street broken off by the force of the wind was hanging dangerously over the roadway, and a garage at the home of Russell G. Robinson in Glen road was carried off its foundations from one side of the house to the other, and was left a mass of wreckage. A garage at the home of Edward H. Lawson in Middlesex avenue was tipped over to about a 45 degree angle, but remained on the foundation. A large pine tree in Central street was broken off about half way up and fell against the chimney at the home of F. J. Irwin in Church street, sending the bricks down into the kitchen range.

Fortunately no motor accidents were reported at the local police station, and early this evening streets were being made passable with a large crew of highway workers busy sawing up the trees. Telephone service was disrupted in various sections of the town, as was all electric service, which will remain shut off until all trees have been cleared away from the wires.

Crops Destroyed.

Many of the trees uprooted in today's storm have stood the test for over 100 years, trees that were broken were of a younger generation. There was very little thunder and lightning with the storm as it passed over here, the damage being mostly from wind, rain and hail stones.

Corn fields in various sections of the town were flattened by the storm, as were other vegetable gardens, which will incur a great loss to the farmers hereabouts. Tomatoes ripening on the vines were peppered full of holes by the hail stones, and many potato patches were also flattened. Electric service was resumed this evening about 6.15, but there still remained the poles to be replaced.

This section escaped two showers earlier in the afternoon, but certainly felt the force of the third one. A drop of 20 degrees in the temperature was felt in about many minutes.

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FLOOD-LIKE CONDITION IN WILMINGTON

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A good portion of Wilmington was under water as a result of the comparatively heavy rainfall during the past few days. For two or three days of this week, the Wilmington schools were closed due to the poor travelling conditions on foot. Also the High School boiler room on Thursday had three feet of water in it, and one of the pumps from the Fire Department was utilized in draining the water out of the basement of the building.

On Thursday afternoon and evening, the waters about town town reached flood level, and a good many streets were partly submerged. On Main Street a short distance from the Square in the direction of Woburn, the water poured in torrents from the railroad tracks that parallel the highway At the depot this morning, the two main lines tracks were submerged in about six or eight inches of water, and a crew were working there in an endeavor to drain the water off. At the bridges at Lowell Street, Federal Street, Wildwood St., and Concord St., under which the Maple Meadow Brook passes, the water was almost level with the street at an early hour this morning.

This morning found several crews out making drainage systems to relieve the slightly flooded areas, and the waters in those areas were slowly settling.

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Wilmington Turns Over Halls to Lowell Refugees

125 Victims Being Fed and Housed Here --Theatre Manager Presents Free Show --Three Men Ill With Grip

Wilmington, March 22.

About 125 flood victims from the Lowell flood areas are being cared for here. Several private families have taken refugees into their homes, while American Legion hall, Wilmington Grange hall, and the M. E. church are housing and caring for the flood sufferers.

At the M. E. church is a family of 11, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bergeron of Aiken street, Lowell, and their nine children. At Grange hall are being sheltered the men and boys, while the women and children are being sheltered in American Legion hall.

The problem of feeding the refugees has been met so far through the generosity of many organizations and volunteers, in fact it is truly remarkable how splendidly the townspeople as a whole have rallied to the relief and comfort of those unfortunate victims.

Meals at Legion Hall.

All meals are being served at American Legion hall, with the exception of the family being housed at the Methodist church, and those living in private homes. At present there is an abundance of food at the Legion hall. Due to the efforts of several Red Cross workers, under the direction of Mrs. Herbert C. Barrows, chairman of the local branch of the Red Cross. Many articles of clothing have been donated, and all housed here have been given a complete outfit, including underwear, shoes, stockings, suits, dresses, overcoats, hats, sweaters, jackets, sleeping garments, etc. In addition, the children have been given books, games, mechanical toys, and dolls. This afternoon the children were the guests of the Wilmington theatre management at the afternoon performance. Children at the show were under the guardianship of Chief Harry J. Ainsworth, and Gardner Ritchie.

Three Men Ill.

Three of the men being housed at Grange hall are ill with the grippe and are being taken care of by Dr. Gerald A. Fagan, with District Nurse Miss Alice Doucette and the V. F. W. Nurse Mrs. Alice Simpson and Medical Attendant George Marlin of the V. F. W. post assisting in their care. Radios have been contributed by Rev. A. A. Simmons of the Congregational church, and Fred H. Warren of Lincoln street one of the radios has been set up in Grange hall, and the other in American Legion hall.

Many Groups Assisting.

The local organizations who are working in conjunction with the local branch of the Red Cross, of which Mrs. Herbert C. Barrows is chairman, are Wilmington Post 136, A. L., Charles F. Cavanaugh, commander, and its auxiliary unit, Mrs. Eleanor Livingston, president. Nee-Ellsworth Post. 2458, V. F. W., commander, Oscar E. DuBord, and its auxiliary unit, Mrs. Oscar E. DuBord, chairman of the relief committee and her aides. The M. E. church missionary committee, Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, chairman; Wilmington Grange, 268, P. of H., Mrs. Nellie Foster, and her committee. South Tewksbury district, Mrs. Georgine Wells, Congregational church. Rev. Arthur A. Simmons, Mrs. Albert R. Jee, and her committee, Elizabeth Whitefield Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., Mrs. N. D. Cluff and her committee, Acacia chapter, No. 80, O. E. S., Mrs. Daniel H. Ross and her committee, Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Welfare, St. Thomas's church, Rev. Joseph E. Murphy and Rev. James J. McGoohan, and many other volunteer workers, who are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts.

Much Clothing on Hand.

Much more clothing than can be used by the local refugees is today being bagged and will be taken in trucks, donated by various public-spirited persons, to the Lowell Chapter of American Red Cross, of which Wilmington is a branch chapter.

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Shelter Offered Flood Sufferers

In an endeavor to aid the flood stricken city of Lowell, our nearest neighbor in the flooded areas, the Wilmington police have offered their ambulance to the Lowell Red Cross for service there. Harry J. Ainsworth visited the city last night, and offered the services of the ambulance and driver to the relief corps of that city.

Other local spirited citizens, although not in a financial condition to donate money to the worthy cause, have volunteered accomodations in their homes for Lowell families who have been made homeless as a result of the rising waters there. One Wilmington truckman has offered the services of his two trucks to be used there in the endeavor to keep the rivers in their natural courses.

To the present time, Wilmington has been very fortunate in escaping the catastrophe that Lowell has suffered, and it is with pride that we learn of the volunteering of services by many of our townspeople. The cause is a worthy one, and our townspeople should be grateful that they are in a position to help the misfortunates rather than be among them.

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LOWELL FLOOD REFUGEES HERE FOR A WEEK

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During the past week, approximately eighty-five flood refugees from Lowell were accommodated here at the Grange Hall, Legion Hall, M.E. Church and at two private homes. Twenty-six were housed in the Grange Hall, forty-three were given shelter in American Legion Hall, eleven were accomodated at the M. E. Church, three were cared for at the home of D. Robert Carter, Glen Road and two were sheltered at the home of W. T. Henderson, Church Street.

The citizens of Wilmington showed a great amount of spirit with their immediate generous response to the worthy cause of flood relief, and it may be safe to state that the refugees here received the best of care. The entire town was canvassed by the local chapter of the Red Cross, who were the directors of the relief work in this town, and in addition to the money that was donated, contributions of food and clothing were sent in large quantities. Because of the large number of donations and contributions, the relief workers here found it necessary to use only a small portion of the Red Cross funds raised in the Town. However the remainder of this money will be put to good use when it is turned over to the Lowell chapter of the Red Cross for relief work in that city.

Private homes in the vicinity of the halls where the refugees were housed were thrown open so that their kitchens and bath rooms could be used. Carl Dreger, a former mess sargeant in the army was responsible for the meals served at the Legion Hall, and the courses that he placed on the tables there brought forth much favorable comment.

The sorrows of the flood sufferers were greatly relieved with the rendering of a great deal of entertainment during their stay here. The Melodians a local orchestra, furnished music, and a radio was installed in the American Legion Hall. On Sunday, the entire group was taken in the afternoon to the movies. Arrangements for this entertainment were made by Gardner I. Ritchie with the theatre management, who threw his hall open for entertainment on that afternoon free of charge.

All the organizations in the town, together with its citizens, gave a great amount of time, money and contributions of food, clothing and toys, to accomodate the flood sufferers in a most satisfactory manner. Some of the children enjoyed such a good time here that they wanted to stay, and the relief here was rendered in such a way that all the flood sufferers were in high spirits during their week's stay here.

During three days last week, the Wilmington police ambulance was stationed in Lowell, and was of great assistance in transporting flood victims to the various hospitals.

Dr. Gerald Fagan of Clark Street was on call at all times, and he very soon made many friends among the children at Legion Hall. Upon the departure of the refugees Dr. Fagan administered the inoculations with the assistance of local Board of Health Nurse, Miss Alice Doucette, and Nurse Alice Simpson.

At the present writing, the only two remaining refugees are lodged at the home of Mrs. Al LaFreniere on Glen Road.

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The windstorm of hurricane velocity which swept through this town during Wednesday afternoon and evening, caused damage that will be impossible to estimate for several days. All electric service was disrupted at 4.17 p. m. when wires and poles in all sections of the town were blown down, or were carried down with uprooted and falling trees. Trains were held in the railroad yard here due to lack of signal lights and through bus service was severely crippled. Practically every street in town was blocked on Wednesday night with fallen trees and broken telegraph poles and wires. Every available man who could weild an axe or a saw was pressed into service when the wind subsided, and a splendid piece of work was done by these men working in the blackness of the night.

Silver Lake Hard Hit.

Damage in the Silver lake section where many of the trees are of pine, is indescribable. Piazzas sun porches, roofs and chimneys are broken off from falling trees, garages are blown over, the roof on the Silver Lake school was blown off, and cottages lifted from their foundations by uprooted trees in their front yards. Property owners in this section alone will suffer heavy losses. Three quarters of the pine trees in Thompson's grove are either uprooted or broken off. This same thing is true of Shawsheen avenue, Burlington avenue, and Chestnut street. Church street suffered heavy damage to its beautiful maple and elm shade trees, about every other one being uprooted. A large maple tree in front of the home of Selectman Charles H. Black was uprooted and fell upon the front of his home causing damage to his porch and windows. A large elm tree was uprooted in front of the home of Mrs. Olive Oman also in Church street, causing heavy damage to the front porch of her home. A large elm tree, one of the landmarks of the town, and believed to be at least 100 years old, was uprooted in front of the home of Louis T. McMahon in Middlesex avenue, causing heavy damage to the roof of his home. Another old elm tree in Main street was split by the force of the wind and fell upon a double tenement house, causing heavy damage to the roof and front porch. The home of Ernest Currier in Shawsheen avenue was badly damaged by an uprooted tree, and uprooted trees caused heavy damage to the cottage formerly owned by Miss Olivia H. Norcross, also in Shawsheen avenue.

In the North Wilmington section, Salem street, Middlesex avenue, Woburn street and Concord street were perhaps the hardest hit. Heavy damage was caused on the property of Mrs. Fred Eames and Rodney E. Buck, where fences were smashed, and beautiful shade trees were uprooted. A garage owned by Charles Penny in Clark street was demolished by the wind, as was the garage of Willard F. Walton in Thurston avenue. A hen house was blown over in Clark street and maple shade trees around the common were badly damaged or uprooted.

Schools Closed.

All local schools were closed today, and workmen concentrated their efforts this morning in clearing away the debris from around the schools first. In front of the high and Centre schools, transformer boxes were blown from the poles, wires and trees were down, but the schools escaped damage. Considerable damage was caused at the home of George Spanos in Middlesex avenue from falling trees.

Storekeepers in town face heavy losses from spoilage where foods are usually kept under electrical refrigeration, and farmers who have not picked their winter apples face heavy losses from uprooted orchards, and from fruit being blown off the trees. Windows in a vacant store downtown were blown out by the force of the wind. A tin roof on the old Cranberry House in Middlesex avenue was blown off, as was the roof of the engine house off Main street.

A tree in front of the home of Theodore Ware in Middlesex avenue was uprooted and fell against the house, and bricks from the fireplace chimney at St. Thomas's rectory were blown down the chimney and into the living room. Several large trees in the rectory yard were uprooted.

Two "Hurricane" Babies.

At about 8 o'clock last night police received an emergency call from Dr. Gerald A. Fagan to remove an expectant mother, Mrs. Celia Brennan of Grove avenue to St. John's hospital, Lowell. Officers Oliver Newcomb and John McAndrews answered the call in the police ambulance and after great difficulty climbing over fallen trees, the woman reached her destination safely. Dr. Ernest C. MacDougall also delivered a baby last evening in the height of the storm working with candle light. Every available police officer was on duty all night protecting property and warning motorists of danger. Judging by the extensive damage in all parts of the town it is nothing short of miraculous that no accidents were reported, or no persons injured. Nine pine trees in the grove at the rear of the home of Edward N. Eames in Church street were uprooted or broken off. Extensive damage in the pine grove at the rear of the home of James D. White in Washington avenue was also reported.

Train and bus service was resumed during the day with slight delays. Mails have been held up, with no incoming mail being received at the local postoffice today. Outgoing mails have gone out on schedule. Train signal lights are still out of commission here, with hand flag signals being in force and with the Reading Municipal Light Co. unable to determine when electric service will be restored.

School Sessions Friday.

Local schools, with the exception of the Silver Lake school will resume sessions on Friday as usual. According to Superintendent of Schools Stephen G. Bean there is a total enrolment in the schools of 1279 pupils. In the high school there are 324 pupils, and at the Silver Lake school there are 117 pupils in two rooms. All other schools are well filled except the South school which has only 14 pupils.

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HURRICANE LEAVES TRAIL OF WRECKAGE AND DEATH

Wednesday: The worst storm of its kind in history, swept through New England leaving a trail of Death and destruction mounting in the millions, much of it irreparable.

It will be days before the total amount of damage to life and property can be estimated as light, phone and telegraph wires are down. Street cars, trains and buses stood stalled as the storm rose in all its fury to 90 miles an hour, tearing up poles, trees and even homes.

Thousands were marooned in cities as train service drew to a stand-still, and roads became impassable due to falling trees and poles.

Adding to the misery of the hurricane came floods, fire, tidal waves and breaking dams. Many persons are missing in the Cape Cod district.

Southern New England states were hit as bad as the Cape section. Martial law was declared in many sections. Militia were on duty in Woburn, North Adams, Fall River, Northampton, Somerville, Worcester, Lowell, New Bedford, Melrose, Everett, Stoneham and Springfield.

Parts of Conn. and Rhode Island were isolated as tidal waves pounded the coast line.

Deaths known to be over 500.

Wilmington fared well in comparison with many cities and towns although the damage is immense.

All available police and firemen were on duty, as was the veterans organizations, welfare workers and W.P.A.

Debris is fast being cleared by local organizations. A falling tree snapped off, sending half of its trunk through the roof of Mrs. Olive Oman's home on Church St.

The roof of the Lake School was torn off during the storm.

The Lake district was hard hit. Much of the damage is irreparable as many camps and year round homes were partially and wholly destroyed by falling trees and by poles.

A Tree crashed on the roof of Mrs. Isabelle McMahon's home on Middlesex Avenue, causing considerable damage.

Dr. Clarence McDougall, of Church street, worked by candle light at the height of the storm on Wednesday, on a child birth case of Mrs. Sullivan of Milligan Grove.

Milligan Grove, one of the hardest hit spots in town, had to be cleared somewhat before the Doctor could get into the house.

Mrs. Brennan of Grove Ave. was removed to the St. John's Hospital Wednesday, by Officers McAndrews and Newcomb.

Tree Warden Babine and his crew of thirty men cleared the way of poles, trees and debris to get the ambulance through.

Ernest Eames hurt his shoulder Thursday while directing a working party, cleaning up debris on Middlesex Ave., near High street.

Joe Galka was struck by a flying limb while doing duty near the Reading, Wilmington line, early Thursday morning. His hand may be broken.

Large plate glass windows of the Saltonstall headquarters, Wilmington Centre, were blown out.

For the first time in the history of Wilmington, seagulls landed on Silver Lake. Forced inland by the storm, the gulls adopted the Lake as a haven.

It is estimated that well over 1000 trees and 250 poles are down in Wilmington.

One of the most interesting things about the whole calamity is the good natured way in which the people have taken their misfortunes.

Another is a ride at night thru the dark streets, to see the candle lights flickering in windows, bringing us back to the days of mother and dad and kerosene lamps.

Proving also that mother nature is still our master .

WELFARE BOARD WORKS THROUGH NIGHT

Members of the Welfare board deserve much credit for the way in which they co-operated, in the removal of debris from the streets of the town.

All the Board members worked far into the night, with one member on all night.

LEAVE PORCH LIGHT ON IF POSSIBLE

During the past week many have requested that we ask those who can to leave their porch lights going.

The suggestion is a good one and will be followed by many, wishing to co-operate while the street lights are out. There are a great many tree stumps left that are a menace to those walking on the sidewalks in the dark, and a little light here and there may save someone from being hurt.

SUPT. OF WATER WORKS RIGS LIGHTS FOR MERCHANTS

With the Centre in darkness, merchants tried their best to serve the public working by lantern and candle light, until Mr. Don Foster, Supt. of the Water Works decided to do something about it.

Driving to Boxford, Mr. Foster brought back a generator from his summer cottage and furnished most of the merchants with light. The fire dept. and police dept. were also furnished with light until the electricity was turnd on again.

Mr. Foster also made possible last week's Mirror Edition through the loan of a gas engine. A little more of this spirit and Wilmington will go places.

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DEPARTMENT'S SHOULD BE COMMENDED

Much can, and has been said, about acts of heroism and charity during and after the hurricane of last week, but little has been said about a few of our town departments and organizations.

During and after the storm, Chief Harry Ainsworth called out the entire police force to patrol, direct traffic and stand guard during the long, dark nights that followed New England's most damaging catastrophe. At the same time the first aid station and ambulance were kept in constant readiness, to take care of casualties.

The Welfare Dept. obtained all the available men they could, and starting clearing away debris even before the storm had passed. The members worked with the men far into the night, with one of its party, Mr. Jerome O'Leary, working all night.

Then there is the Tree Dept., headed by J. William Babine who, with his squads, are still working, clearing debris, sawing down dangerous trees and opening roads, that once more we may have access to our homes with the least amount of danger. Also the Street and Highway Dept. who did a wonderful job in clearing the streets.

I have never seen any body of men work as hard as did these men who worked hand in hand during the storm. They all deserve to be commended.

Another body deserving of commendation are the veterans for the work they accomplished. The organizations turned out and worked long and hard hours for nary a penny. A great spirit, boys. Congratulations.

Dry Wilmington

By a vote that was close enough to warrant a recount, the people of Wilmington went partially "dry" at the state elections. The recount turned over enough tallies so that the town managed to get back beers and wine, but otherwise the lid is on.

Normally, Wilmington, like many other well-regulated towns, would have voted to stay in the "wet" column. But there were some unusual circumstances which militated against this, and it might be worth while to consider the principal objection.

In an outlying section of the town there are a number of roadside spots that have been operated in such a manner as to bring little or no credit to Wilmington. In more than a few cases, these have been operated and heavily patronized by Greater-Boston interests, who seemed to care little for the town or its reputation.

Unquestionably, the "dry" vote was a protest against the continuation of these "joints."

The action taken in Wilmington provides a serious challenge to the liquor industry and liquor distributors generally, for what has happened in the neighboring town can happen to any community in the country under similar circumstances.

By means of certain voluntary controls which are within their reach, liquor manufacturers and distributors should help protect all communities against night-spot operators that throw discretion to the winds. They should exercise extreme care when dealing with doubtful customers and they should remember that what has happened in Wilmington can happen anywhere in the country.

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Wilmington Officially Dedicates First Highway Emergency Red Cross Station North of Boston

Seen above is the Wilmington police force standing in front of their headquarters following the dedication of the First Aid station of the American Red Cross. This station is one of a series of such stations which are ultimately planned to extend from coast to coast. Wilmington is the second town in New England to have such a station and the first north of Boston. Pictured left to right are Chief Harry Ainsworth, Burton Frotton, Herman Harris, Paul and Talbot Sidelinker, all officers.

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Wilmington, Oct. 23.

Wilmington's new highway first aid station was officially dedicated this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The exercises of dedication took place at the Wilmington Theatre which was donated by the management for this purpose and thus another brick was added to the chain of highway first aid stations that will eventually reach from coast to coast.

Wilmington residents might well be proud in having the honor of being the second one in New England to open a station and the first station north of Boston.

The station being centrally located in Main street at the Police station will be under the direction of Chief Harry J. Ainsworth, who together with his police officers have received training in first aid, and will be on duty to assist at all times in case of an accident. The station will be sponsored and maintained by the Wilmington Red Cross, of which Mrs. Herbert C. Barrows is chairman.

The exercises opened promptly at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Barrows, mistress of ceremonies. Seated on the stage at the theatre with Mrs. Barrows, were Chief Harry J. Ainsworth, Representative Ralph R. Currier, Ramone S. Eaton, national field representative from Washington, Theodore W. Reed, chairman of the Lowell Chapter, American Red Cross, of which Wilmington is a branch chapter, Stephen Ashton, president of the First Aid Instructors' Club, Dr. Otis Marshall, staff physician of the National Red Cross, Instructor-in-chief of first aid service, and Mrs. Marcus J. Cole, executive secretary of the Red Cross of Lowell.

Mrs. Barrows spoke most highly of the co-operation of the board of selectmen. Assistant Chief Winfred W. Rice of the Fire department, Mr. Ashton of the Instructors Club, Mrs. Marcus J. Cole, the executive secretary, the press, and the management of the theatre, for their material and moral support in making the dedication of this station possible.

Representative Ralph R. Currier congratulated the Police department for their efforts in this worthy work of caring for the injured which he believes will be a forward step for the community.

The main address of the afternoon was given by Field Representative Ramone S. Eaton who explained that the Red Cross was embarked on a new era in the establishing of these new highway first aid stations which are to eliminate war from the highways, and to return the Good Samaritan to the highways. He told of the 36,000 or more persons killed last year, of the 1,250,000 persons who were injured and of the 112,000 persons who were permanently crippled through automobile accidents. Many of these permanent cripples might have been saved this misery, had they had proper treatment at the time of the accident. It is the belief of the Red Cross that all state highway patrolmen should be trained in this first aid service, that all policemen should be trained, that the highway maintenance workers should be trained. He told of how the state, and Commissioner of Public Works were co-operating in this matter and before long many of these Highway First Aid signs would be erected. He also spoke of the beginning of individual drivers of automobiles and how they mignt aid in the reduction of accidents upon the highways. There are already over a million trained men and women, but there are many more who need this training.

A letter of regret on being unable to be present was read from Selectman Frank W. Dayton, and Theodore W. Reed, chairman of the Lowell Chapter presented certificates to Chief Ainsworth. Officers Burton Frotton, Harris Hemeon, L. Talbot Sidelinker, Paul W. Washburn and George Lynch.

A beautiful basket of flowers was presented the Police department in behalf of their splendid achievement from the Pin Hill Flower Shop, and Chief Ainsworth presented a gift to Instructor Ashton in behalf of his officers and himself. Seven young ladies acted as Red Cross workers in uniform at the exercises, these were; Barbara Clinch, Doris Hadley, Phyllis Weaver, Elsie Barrows, Irma Whittier, Margaret Hale, and Pauline Ritchie. The clergy was represented by Rev. A. A. Simmons of the Congregational church.

Following the exercises in the theatre, a formal dedication of the station took place in front of the Police station when the highway sign was unveiled by Dr. Otis Marshall, staff physician of the National Red Cross first aid service.

Dr. Marshall formerly instructed classes in Springfield, Lawrence and Lowell, and is now conducting classes in Boston until Nov. 1. The program is to have 800 of these stations throughout the country. Many of the personnel of these stations are now receiving instruction in giving first aid to the injured.

Also present at the exercises were Mrs. Otis Marshall, wife of Dr. Marshall from Washington, Mrs. Stephen Ashton from Lowell, Mrs. Ramone S. Eaton from Washington, Francis Moran from Lowell and Miss Evelyne Shirt. Mr. Moran and Miss Shirt are first aid instructors in Lowell.

The station is well equipped to meet any emergency and today the Lowell Chapter promised to supply four sheets, four pillow cases and a pair of blankets. Together with the local police ambulance, Wilmington will be able to render valuable assistance in an emergency.

The regular weekly Beano party of Wilmington Post 136 American Legion and its Auxiliary Unit took place on Tuesday evening at American Legion hall with a good attendance. Twenty five regular prizes were awarded winners, together with several special awards.

Mrs. Minnie Arabian was the winner of a double blanket, and Miss Elizabeth Rainey was the winner of a banjo clock. Mr. Earl Bayliss was the winner of the $1.00 door prize and Mrs. Eleanor Day won two pounds of chocolates for the second door prize.

Mrs. Alphonse La Freniere was chairman of the evening assisted by Mrs. Eleanor Livingston, president of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Rose Cavanaugh, Mrs. Gladys Babine, Charles F. Cavanaugh, commander of the Post, Earl Bayliss, Lindsay Stevens and Ernest Cail.

Acacia Chapter No. 80, O. E. S., held a successful bridge and whist party as Masonic hall on Tuesday evening with 10 tables of players present. Refreshments were served by the committee and a penny sale was enjoyed at the close of the card playing.

Prizes in whist were awarded to the following high scorers: Frank W. Kidder, Mrs. Georgianna Melzar, Mrs. Frank W. Kidder, Mrs. Walter Fitch, and Mrs. Harold N. Eames.

Prizes in bridge were awarded the following: Harold E. Melzear, p. p., Mrs. E. Greene of Woburn, Mrs. Dewey Coombs, Mrs. Emma Lambotte of Woburn, Alexander Perry of Woburn, Avery Greeno of Woburn, Mrs. Mabel Perry of Woburn, Daniel H. Ross, Charles H. Black, W. P., and Adolph B. Moore, P. P.

Winners in the penny sale were as follows: H. E. Melzar, Charles H. Black, Mrs. D. W. Coombs, Mrs. Adolph B. Moore, P. M., Mrs. Thomas Davies, Mrs Ethel Whitehouse, Dr. Harold N. Eames, P. P., and Mrs. Clara B. Paine.

The committee in charge of the party was composed of the following: Mrs. Harold E. Melzar, P. M., Capt. Harold E. Melzar, P. P., Miss Ida Graham, Mrs. Walter Fitch, Mrs. Lawrence Frost, Miss Ruth Fiske, Mrs. Edwin Fresh, Edwin Fresh, P. P., Mrs. Sarah Greene, Mrs. Thelma Greene, Dr. Harold N. Eames, P. P., and Mrs. Eames, Mr. and Mrs. Alden N. Eames, Edward N. Eames, S. P. P., Mrs. Edward N. Eames, P. M., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davies, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dewing.

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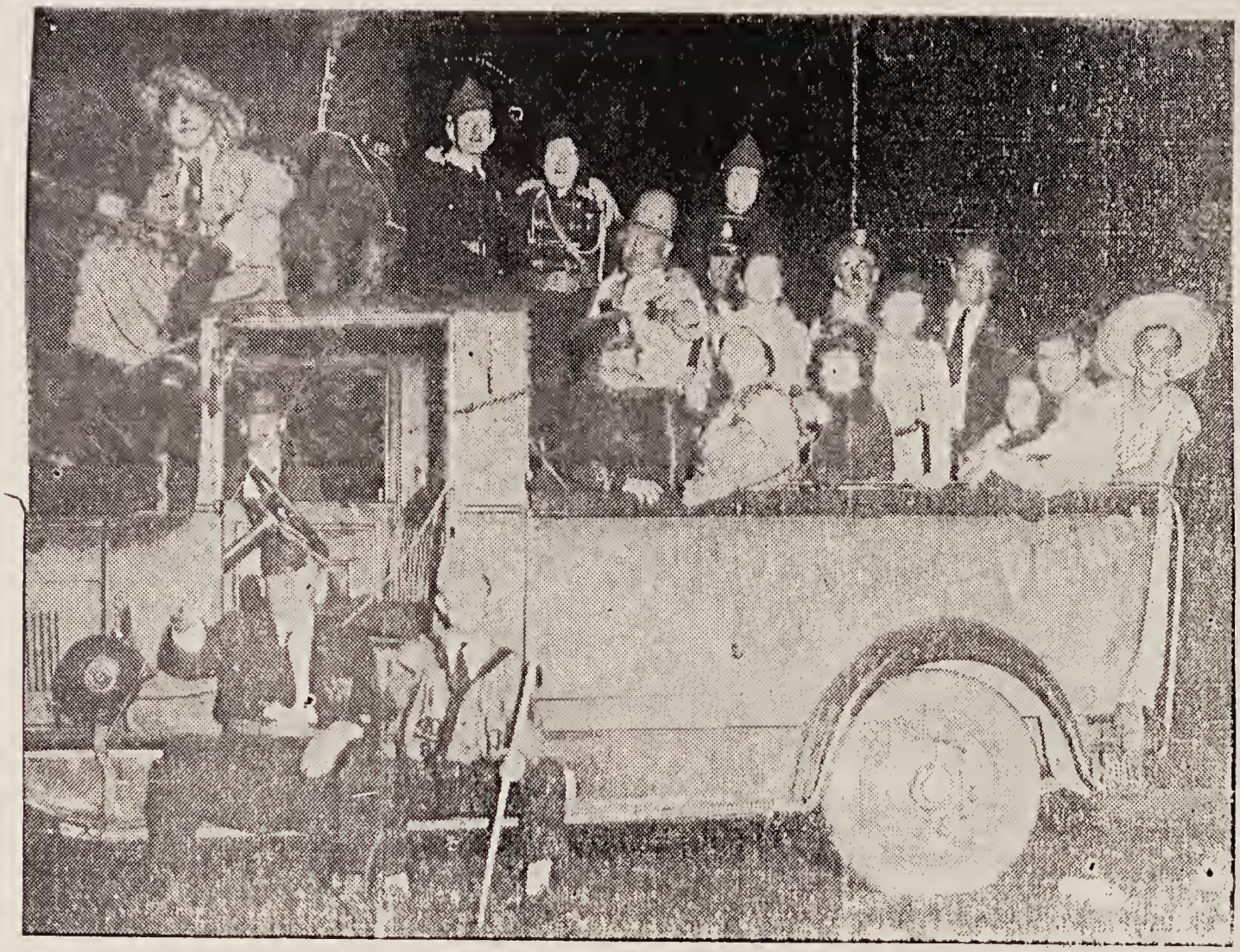

A belated but interesting photograph of the Wilmington Post, No. 136, A. L. entry in the 40 and 8 parade held last week at Holyoke. Can you pick out the culprits?

Harold R. Rogers Memorial to be Dedicated May 30

Gratifying has been the response of citizens to the request for funds which makes this memorial possible. Therefore it is only fitting that the patriotic contributors should be given public mention:

Congregational Church	Wilmington Grange
Men's Forum	Catholic Club
Edward N. Eames	Louis T. McMahon
Charles W. Lee	George F. Newcomb
Charles F. Lancier	C. S. Harriman
Herbert C. Barrows	Mrs. C. A. Livingston
Mrs. F. H. Roberts	Charles Black
Alfred Allen	Paul F. Todd
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Wilmington Post, 136, A. L., wishes to sincerely thank them for their generosity.

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LEGION POST ENTERS ITS NEW HOME

Half of Wilmington turned out last Friday afternoon, despite a bitter, and chilly day, to see the parade and dedication exercises held by Wilmington Post 136 American Legion in celebration of their entrance into their new home. The parade swung smartly down Church Street from the common, along Main Street to Clark Street, and back to the Hall via Middlesex Avenue. Our stalwart police force, visiting dignitaries and the Town fathers headed the line. A detachment of the National Guard came from Woburn to march, and the Bessie Edwards Cadets, a very smart looking band of young ladies furnished the music. Sixteen small sons of veterans carried the Town Service flag and twenty-eight small boys marched in a group of their own. They brought their own music consisting of three drummers and three buglers. The two Veterans' posts and their Auxiliaries formed the main body of the parade with the Boy Scouts bringing up the rear.

A reviewing stand was placed in front of the Hall on Middlesex Avenue and from there a notable group cast their critical eyes over the parade. Six past commanders were on the stand and three survivors of the Civil War, Mr. John Simpson of North Wilmington, Mr. Batchelder of North Reading, and Mr. Pratt of Reading. Father Joseph Sullivan, Rev. Mr. Seaboyer, and the Rev. Mr Simmons were also present. Selectmen Harold Melzar, Joseph F. Nee, and Frederick MacQuaide were all on the stand. John Walsh, vice commander from State headquarters, and Mrs. Susan T. Esler, County chairman, represented these organizations. Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers was also present and was gracefully escorted by Selectman Joseph F. Nee.

The program in the building was featured by the vigorous and brilliant speaking of Mr. James Mullin, Clerk of Charlestown Court. Stephen Garrity, new State Fire Marshall, and Harry Dunlap Brown, Representative from this district also said a few words. Selectman Nee welcomed the Legion to their new home on behalf of the town, and he said to them the best wishes of the townspeople.

At six o'clock a catered supper was served to about one hundred people. Old time music by Al Richard's Orchestra was furnished and dancing wa enjoyed throughout the evening.

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Wilmington Police Chief "Hops" on Rug Salesman

Chief of Police Harry Ainsworth of Wilmington caused a rug peddler who had been selling rugs to residents of the town at high prices to return $138 the other day to one person to whom he had sold rugs after the chief posed as a farm laborer in his efforts to get the peddler's claims regarding the rugs.

After Chief Ainsworth heard the story about the quality of the rugs, he went to Boston and had the rugs appraised. He claimed that the rugs were not what they were represented to be and that in certain Boston stores, the same goods could be bought for much less money.

The chief met the rug dealer and after delivering a lecture on 100 per cent woolen rugs and all he had learned about cotton rugs, and what rugs really are and what they are worth, he ordered the man to return $138 to a Wilmington resident. After the peddler returned the money and took back his rugs, Chief Ainsworth then told him to get out of town and stay out.

According to the Chief, he found that rugs sold for $7 and $8 were really worth about $2 and he found that in two separate homes in the town, the same grade and type of rug sold for two different prices, $38 in one house and $18 in another. He decided to listen personally to the claims of the seller, so attiring himself like a rough laborer, he went to a house where the rug salesman was trying to make a sale.

Chief Ainsworth pretended to be just an interested neighbor with nothing much to do except loaf around and ask questions. After the rug salesman had answered a lot of the "laborer's" questions and made glowing claims for the quality of the rugs, he was suddenly invited into another room, where the rough shirt, pulled aside, disclosed a police badge.

Chief Ainsworth told the salesman that he had been investigating rugs and he pointed out inconsistencies in the salesman's selling talk.

The chief advised the salesman to return $138 that he had received for some rugs and the money was immediately given back. The salesman was then told to strike Wilmington off his list of calling places.

Police Dept. Establishes New Headquarters in Center

REMODEL OLD AMES BLOCK TO MAKE PLACE FOR MODERN POLICE STATION—TO HAVE ALL NIGHT DUTY—NEW POLICE CAR PURCHASED

The Wilmington Police Department, under the careful guidance of the chief of police, Walter A. Hill, and the Board of Selectmen, are making progress in the manner in which they intend to do business in the future. Everything is to be strictly to the letter, and there will be no fooling, or mis-steps according to reports.

The Police Department has taken desk room in the office of the Wilmington News, in the old Ames Block in the Square, and will have someone constantly in attendance at all times, to answer any and all messages that might be given.

It is planned to have officers on duty 24 hours of the day, and as an aid to the police department, a brand new 1930 Tudor Ford sedan was purchased and delivered Tuesday to the department. It will be handy and available at all times for duty.

Another compulsion, is the establishment of two available cells in the town of Wilmington, and two overcome this, the department has procured and are erecting two of the portable type cells, to be placed in one of the stalls of the highway building. This same stall will be used for the police machine when not in use.

This is added protection to the town, and is a much needed requirement. Everything in the future will be run in an up to date manner, and anyone who does not hold strictly to discipline will be suspended .

Several appointments were made last Monday evening by the Board of Selectment, and one of the appointed who objected to being given instructions by the Board as a whole, was immediately released from active duty.

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Police Headquarters Moved to Highway Building, Church St.

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, March 24—The office of the police department was dismantled yesterday by orders of the board of selectmen, and their new office will be in the highway building. Men from the welfare department and boys of the N. Y. A. loaded the town truck with all the equipment. A police sign will be erected at Church street, and an electric sign will be put on the highway building. A telephone box will be installed on the McLaughlin building where the officer on traffic duty can answer calls.

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A WATER SUPPLY FOR WILMINGTON

Two years ago at the Town Meeting, a committee of six was appointed to look into the subject of town water. For many years our town has needed water. About this time of year many small wells become dry unless the summer has been an unusually rainy one.

This committee has had wells dug in many parts of the town. Always the attempts were unsuccessful. The water did not meet the requirements of the Board of Health.

Discouraged, the committee decided to try one more place, the farm of Mrs. M. B. Hathaway on Andover street. The wells were driven through fine sand, then through coarser sand, and finally into gravel. In this gravel there is an unlimited quantity of pure water. Twenty wells have been dug, ranging from forty to seventy feet in depth. Water is being pumped from sixteen of these wells night and day for fourteen days. If the water continues to flow as well as at first and the other four wells do not become dry the State Department will be assured that there is enough water to supply Wilmington for years to come.

Near our future water supply there is high land which will be excellent for a reservoir.

Many of the town's most prominent men are interested in the water, and they think that within the next two years the water supply will be a reality.

The first town official to be inducted into selective service left Monday morning when Adam Calka, aged 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Galka of Beacon street, left as one of the 15 young men. He was a member of the School committee and was elected in 1940 for a three-year term. He is a graduate of Wilmington high school, class of 1935 and a graduate of Suffolk university law school. He was employed for some time for Cavanaugh Taxi and worked for the Atlantic market. He recently took an examination for the F. B. I. at Washington. He is a popular member of the younger set.

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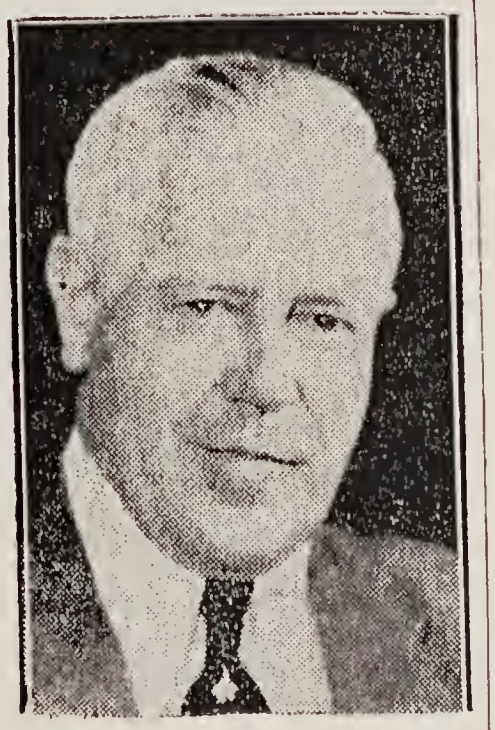
Wilmington Police Chief Is Put Under Civil Service

Few More Than Half Voters Go to Polls --- Selectman Black Returned to Office for Three Years

Wilmington, March 3.

Few more than half the voters of Wilmington went to the polls Monday to cast their ballots for the election of their choices to town office, a total of 1612 out of the registration of 2709 being tallied. Contests occurred in numer-



CHIEF HARRY J. AINSWORTH

ous of the posts to be filled, but principal interest seemed to be centred in the referendum on the question of placing the chief of police under civil service, which was voted affirmatively, 1072 to 321.

Principal Interest.

The passing of the civil service referendum placed Harry J. Ainsworth, chief of the local Police department for the past 10 years, under permanent tenure according to the provisions of the civil service law. Chief Ainworth has been well and favorably known throughout this section of the state for efficient performance of the duties of his office, and the endorsement accorded him at the polls is considered a testimonial to his popularity.

The polls were opened at 10 a. m., and closed at 8 p. m. Not until the latter part of the day was there any rush. The voters were nearly evenly divided between the sexes, 878 men casting their ballots and 734 women.

Selectman Charles H. Black was returned to office for three years over his opponent, John D. Cooke, 871 to 702, in what was perhaps the most important contest on the ballot. Five candidates aspiring for one place on the Board of Public Welfare for two years were headed by Walter G. Buckle, who secured 854 votes against 317 for Francis A. O'Hara; 219 for Frederick A. Field; 89 for Percy F. Newhouse, and 59 for James G. Dugan.

Elected Treasurer.

Alfred S. Allen was elected town treasurer, polling 517 votes against three opponents, tallied as follows: Harold E. Melzar, 481; Joseph L. Ring, 296; and Louis T. Doucette, 271. The final contest, for school committee, resulted in the choice of Vilma B. Bedell, incumbent, to succeed herself, and of August G. MacLeod, a newcomer, with 846 and 836 votes respectively, to the two places to be filled, against Ernest M. Crispo, [illegible] and Francis J. Farrell, with 267, votes.

Other officials elected, unopposed, were as follows: William H. Doucette, assessor, re-elected; William S. Cavanaugh, town clerk, re-elected; George W. Buck, tax collector, re-elected; Harry J. Ainsworth, constable, re-elected; Charlotte Hathaway and Louis T. McMahon, trustees of public library, both re-elected; tree warden, John W. Babine, re-elected; trustee of trust funds, Edward N. Eames, re-elected; member of Planning board, Edward M. Neilson, re-elected; Water commissioner, Louis T. McMahon, re-elected; S. D. J. Carter Lecture committee, Foster B. Balser.

Part 2 of the referendum, required if Part 1 should pass as it did, found the voters approving retention of Chief Ainsworth in this present position upon passing a qualifying examination, 1094 to 230.

Moderator Philip Buzzell was in charge of the town election, assisted by Town Clerk William S. Cavanaugh and the following election clerks and officials: Helen Gammons, Paul Lynch, Esther Surette, Olive Sheldon, Harry Swain, James Fitzgerald, John Denahy, Edgar Shaw, Grace Thurston, Rose Cavanaugh, Otto Bischoff, Charles Hubbard and Justice Balser.

WILMINGTON THEATRE OPENS WITH RECORD ATTENDANCE

Varied Program Features Initial Night

April 13. Friday, the thirteenth, unlike the proverbial Friday, the thirteenth, proved to be an auspicious night for the management of the Wilmington Theatre. The new motion picture house seats four hundred and sixty persons and during the opening nights had an attendance of three hundred and twenty persons.

The interior of the hall is very attractively decorated, carrying out a color scheme of rose. The walls are blocked, each block containing a bracket with two fancy lamps. The curtains are of rose and are heavily embroidered in pink silk. The chairs are arranged in three sections so that two aisles run the length of the theatre. The two exit doors are on either side of the stage.

Friday evening, John McLean and Gerald Hollis acted as ushers. Some very beautiful baskets of flowers were on each side of the stage. After selections by Cady's Orchestra, two beautiful solos were rendered by Myra Thurmer of the Malden Musical Club. The audience appreciated the well-directed efforts of the management in securing the very entertaining picture, "My Best Girl," and hopes that the future will hold as many more good ones.

If the theatre is as well patronized in the future as it was on the opening nights, success is assured.

WILMINGTON NOW HAS ITS OWN WEEKLY

[From the Reading Chronicle]

The Wilmington News—a new weekly newspaper in the neighboring town—makes its initial appearance next Friday. The publishers and editors will be Donald T. Patrick (a newspaper man whose experience was largely gained on The Chronicle and who is severing his connection with the latter paper to take up his new work) and Ralph E. Sargent both of Reading. They will devote themselves to the interests of the town and paper. Wilmington has arrived at a size and dignity (4200 population estimated) entitling her to a vehicle of public expression and worth while publicity. From feelings thus early expressed by townspeople, ample and increasing support is predicted for the new enterprise.

Town Dump Now Open

People who have pride in their community will take advantage of the convenience which the town has given them with the establishment of the Town Dump at Salem Street in North Wilmington. The dump is off Route 62 near the No. Reading line where the "Welcome to Wilmington' sign is displayed. A driveway leads in from the highway to the dump and comes back to the main road in a semi-circle in order that the people who visited the dump would not have to turn around in the woods. At the entrance to the dump there will be a sign posted to give the directions, and in the event that people are unable to find this spot, a call to the Wilmington Police Station will reward them with the desired information. The establishment of this dump was to eliminate the dumping of rubbish along the highways of Wilmington, and future practice in the dumping of rubbish along the highways will result in prosecution by the Board of Health, and by the police department. It is expected that a crew of men will be utilized in clearing the streets of the present rubbish, and this work should improve the appearance of Wilmington. With the establishment of the dump, a ruling was made prohibiting the dumping of automobile bodies and garbage. It is the desire of the Board of Selectmen that the residents of Wilmington will take advantage of this dump instead of unloading their rubbish along the roadside.

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LOCAL BOARD OF TRADE FORMED THURSDAY NIGHT

At a meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday evening, twenty-six local business men definitely established a local board of trade, the first to be founded in Wilmington. The meeting was called on this date by several of Wilmington's progressive business men who, in addition to seeking an improvement in their business, are very much interested in the future of Wilmington. The principal speaker at this meeting was a Mr. O'Connell of the Lowell Credit Bureau, who gave a very instructive and interesting talk on the establishment of a credit bureau in this town. It was explained that this bureau would be a branch of the local board of trade and would be made up of the members who desired to use this service. The primary purpose of the meeting was to form the local board of trade.

Mr. O'Connell explained in detail the requirements for the setting up of a credit bureau to be operated as a branch of the local board of trade, and steps for the founding of this bureau will be taken in the very near future. For the Board of Trade, a committee of seven have been appointed to obtain information regarding the establishment of a Board from outside Boards of Trade.

An election of officers was held during the meeting, and the following business men was elected by the meeting: Algot Osterman, chm. Joseph B. McMahon, treasurer and Francis Correia, secretary.

During this meeting, twenty-six Wilmington business men were enrolled, and there is no doubt that the remaining local business men who have not yet enrolled will fall in line. The present members of the organization are as follows: Dr. Gerald Fagan, Mr. Frederick Husson of the Wilmington Theatre, Mr. William McLaughlin of the McLaughlin Drug Store, Mr. Donald W. Foster, of the Wilmington Water Department, Mr. Ernest W. Rapa, of The Wilmington News, Mr. Morris Weinberg of the

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Wilmington Shoe and Drygood Store, Mr. Harry Symmes of the Wilmington Builders Supply company, Mrs. Susan T. Esler, real estate, Mr and Mrs Raymond Gardner of the Ames News Store, Mr. John McLean of Jack's Lunch, Mr. A. B. Smith of Smith's Bakery, Mr Louis Cutter of the Silver Lake Pharmacy, Mr. Louis Elfman of Loule's Service Station and Wholesale Oil Service, Mr. Ralph R. Currier of Currier's Market, David Wilcox, owner of the former Norcross Store on Shawsheen Avenue, Mr. Frank Bulley of Bulley's Service Station, Lawrence Gildart of the Gildart-Cain Chevrolet Company, Riley Gildart of the Gildart Oil and Ice Service, Augustus V. Blaisdell of the Imperial Oil Service, Joseph Cotton, real estate; Mr. Joseph P. Ireland of Ireland's Socony Station, George Castanarros of the Wilmington Tailor Shop, Konstantin Skrepnek of the Neighborhood Store, Burlington Avenue, Algot Osterman of the Wilmington Coal and Ice Company, and Mr. Francis Correia of the Wilmington Post Office.

The establishment of this business organization in the town is quite noteworthy, and there is no doubt that Wilmington's future will be greatly affected by its operation here. Probably one of the greatest steps in the improvement of the town of Wilmington was taken Thursday night when a good number of our most prominent business men got together in one cooperative body to improve business conditions here. This body will play an important role in the furthering of our future and it will be interesting to follow their operations.

AROUND THE FIRE HOUSE

Congratulations and thanks to the members of the Wilmington Fire Dept. on their decision and welfare of the people of Wilmington to be Public Donors of Blood to the People of Wilmington, free of charge in cases of necessity of those who cannot afford to recompense the donor.

This service has been made possible by the cooperation of Dr. McDougall and the Winchester Hospital Technicians free of charge. The classification and type of Blood Donors will be filed at the Fire Dept. Headquarters at all times, available to all physicians of the town, with an official sanction of Winchester Hospital who will classify the Blood Donors free of charge under the Supervision of Dr. McDougall of Wilmington.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS DAVIS INHALATOR

The Town of Wilmington has recently purchased, and placed at the Fire Department Building, one of the latest Davis Inhalators, which is an advanced step in the endeavor to save lives of those who might become asphyxiated by gas, electric shock, exposure to smoke or gases, or whom might be drowning.

This Davis Inhalator is the most modern means of restoring life to those whom have become overcome by means of various natures. The Inhalator was brought at a cost of approximately $200 and has been used once since its purchase. The apparatus contains, in a neat carrying case, the small oxygen tank, together with all the necessary implements for the restoration of life to lifeless bodies. The outfit consists of an oxygen tank, which with continuous use is good for about one-half hour. Also it has the various mouth pieces for close aplication to the face, with gauges and regulators for the proper distribution of oxygen. Also medical instruments are included for the purpose of pulling the tongue, opening jaws and for cleaning the mouth or giving actualness of life.

In addition to the regular equipment, the department has an auxiliary tank, which contains 1500 cubic feet of oxygen, and s good for at least one and one-half hours continuous operation.

Everyone a member of the fire department has had instructions in the operation of the Inhalator, and it's service is invaluable, in-as-much as it relieves the tedious and destructive work as formerly used with a pull motor.

The use of the Inhalator is natural and resiratory and in most cases will retsore breathing to lifeless or overcome forms.

Instructions accompanying the outfit instruct all persons to immediately start artificial respiration by means of the prone pressure method, and then as action is being seen to incorporate the use of the Inhalator, which brings the necessary lung action to restore breathing.

The use of the Inhalator is delicate, but with careful and obedient adherence to the instructions, and by consistent use on a patient it is believed that practically every one on whom application is made, can be restored to life, unless death has crept in before efforts were made to revive the patient.

The Town of Wilmington has taken an advanced step in one way of progress in purchasing an Inhalator, and even if only one life should be saved, the price of the instrument has been paid.

The Inhalator is always in the Fire department station, and is on duty 24 hours of the day, 7 days of the week, 52 weeks in a year, and in case of all accidens requiring its use, all that is necessary is a call to the Fire Department

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Town Hall Project Nearing Completion

The project, providing for several improvements at the Town Hall, which started on September 16, 1936, is nearing completion. Since the project has been in operation, a new heating plant has been installed, an additional room has been built for the Assessors, two lavatories with modern equipment have been installed new floors have been laid, and the Board of Selectmen room has been refinished. In addition to this work, a new foundation for the safes has been constructed and before the project is completed in the near future, the old heating plant which had proven inadequate, will be removed.

It was also learned this wtek that the Sewing project at the Town Hall recenetly received a new shipment of 14,0341-8 yards of cloth from the Lowell Commissary, which will carry the workers through March 1st of this year. This shipment consisted of 9766 yards of prints, 2032 yards of broadcloth, 12471-8 yds. of plisse crepe, and 989 yards of flannel.

It was also reported that the Woodcutting project in the Cemetery will begin in the near future. No new workers will be employed on this project, and the working force employed will be transferred from already over-manned pojects. The wood that is cut will be distributed among the needy by the local Welfare Department.

Wilmington, January 26, 1928

WILMINGTON TAKES RAPID STRIDES IN ADVANCEMENT

Theatre, Bank and Water System Among Improvements

At last the town of Wilmington has started to climb the ladder of advancement. For many years the townspeople have been content to go on with the same conveniences that their forefathers had. But now things have started to change, and more modern conveniences are being installed.

The greatest and most beneficial improvement is the installation of a modern water system. In the past the people have been required to supply their own water. This alone is enough to keep any town down. The lack of a standard water supply brings down the status of fire protection and increases the danger of disease. The new system is to be complete in every way including a modern pumping station, a reservoir and water mains in all important streets.

At the present time in the center of the town there are two new blocks of stores. One of these blocks houses a dentist, a dry goods shop, a bakery and a lunch room. The other houses the paper store, the First National Store and a tailor shop.

Other important additions are the new bank, to be built just below the Post Office, the new theater, a fish market, a beauty parlor and a new filling station.

Additions of the kind mentioned above are the surest signs of the growth of a town, so let us keep on adding until Wilmington heads the list.

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RAPID PROGRESS IN N.E. POWER PROJECT

Very rapid progress has been made on the new power line that will run through Wilmington on its way from Tewksbury to Melrose, the the New England Power Company hopes to open the new line by December 15th, but whether or not this project will be finished by that time depends largely upon weather conditions and other unforseen difficulties. Nearly all the towers have been erected along the course of the line, and in Wilmington, the workers are running the wires.

There are about twenty-five Wilmington men now employed on the project, and it is expected that their services will be engaged for a short time after the line is energized in helping to clear and burn the 18 miles of brush that has been cut along the line's course.

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STORM BLOCKS TOWN FOR THREE DAYS

The blizzard which descended so quickly last Wednesday tied up the town until Sunday. The inadequate equipment of the highway department was unable to cope with the situation but Supt. Robert Carter and his men put up a brave fight against odds and deserve great credit for their accomplishment. Only two out of five trucks lasted beyond the first day's plowing and it is doubtful if the streets would ever have been cleared sufficiently for safe travel had it not been for the purchase of a new high-speed plow. This arrived in town and was put to work late Friday. This piece of equipment saved the day. It's cost was only $265.

By Friday night, the main streets were passable and Sunday afternoon every important street had been cleared to the town boundaries except for Ballardvale and Andover Street on which shovellers were at work all day Monday. A hundred and twenty-five men were put to work on Friday morning

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this force was gradually increased until nearly two hundred were at work on Sunday. The expense to the town will be heavy but there was no other recourse under the circumstances. On some streets, there was over a solid mile of drifts five feet deep through which no ordinary plow could force a way.

As last year, there was a good deal of impatience expressed by storm-bound citizens at first, but after a day or two, they gradually realized that Wilmington streets were being cleared as fast as those of any other town and faster than many. The young women at the telephone exchange had to deal with a tremendous pressure of business and they too are amongst those who may claim high credit for having done a good job in this emergency. One fact stands out above all else. The present equipment of the highway department is not capable of handling a situation of this sort and some safeguards must be made against future storms as severe as this last one.

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WILMINGTON, MASS. FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1933.

WILMINGTON SQUARE FIRE SWEPT THIRTY YEARS AGO

Thirty years ago on April 13th, Wilmington Square suffered a $20,000 fire loss, when the plant of S. R. McIntosh was destroyed, as was the Hudson Block and part of the Ames Estate.

A copy of the story carried in the Boston Post on that date follows:

The rapid response and effectual work of the Woburn firemen, who were summoned here at noon today to battle with a brisk blaze in a group of buildings in the business section, prevented a heavy loss. Four buildings were burned and a number damged, causing a total loss of $20,000.

The fire started in the plant of S. R. McIntosh on Church street, near the Boston & Maine railroad station, presumably from a spark from the boiler. Mr. McIntosh conducted a blacksmith and paint shop, planing mill and woodworking establishment, all in a group of wooden buildings. From the main building the fire spread to the paint shop and thence to Mr. McIntosh's barn.

Fanned by strong easterly wind, the flames soon assumed threatening proportions, and a shower of sparks set half a dozen buildings on fire within a few minutes, including the Ames building, containing the general store of Charles E. Hudson was compelled to abandon his store, assistance was telephoned for to Woburn and Reading. Then the telephone service gave out.

The Woburn department sent a steamer and a hose wagon, which made the five miles in splendid time. The Ames buliding was in flames when the Woburn men arrived and the McIntosh plant was almost in ashes.

The Boston & Maine depot and the store of Buck Brothers, almost across Main street from Hudson's store, caught fire, but were saved. Meanwhile the sparks from the McIntosh plant were carried across the railroad tracks and set fire to the grass. The flames ran into the woods, and kept a crowd of men busy.

While the villagers were endeavoring to save stock and tools in the McIntosh shops, an explosion occurred, but no one was injured. Considerable oil, varnish, etc., was stored in the building, and work at the fire was considered dangerous.

McIntosh's loss was about $8000, and had about $2000. insurance. Mr. Hudson's loss is about $7000, covered by insurance. The loss on the building and damage to the others, all owned by the Ames estate, amount to about $5000.

The town has no fire apparatus and no water supply. Today, however, there was a large supply of water in a pond on the estate of the late Henry Hiller, who was well known for his eccentricities in having a coffin prepared for him solf and wife some years before their death. This supply was used to good advantage, but the pond is dry a large part of the year, and it is probable steps will be taken to obtain a pernament supply.

During the fire trains were sent from Lowell to Boston by another route. The Reading trolley wires were burned out, cutting off the cars on Church street.

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Worst Forest Fire in History Hits This Town

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Oct. 24—Thousands of volunteers battled one of the worst woods fires in the town for many years which started at Andover street, near the North Wilmington pumping station, and spread to North Reading. The North Reading sanitarium was threatened and all patients were evacuated. The fire started at 10.50 yesterday morning and still is burning. On Ballardvale street, a house was lost on the Cassidy farm. Equipment was sent here from Manchester and Nashua, N. H., Boston, Somerville, Lowell, Danvers, Lawrence, Andover, Haverhill, Middleton, Woburn, Winchester, Medford, Reading, Burlington, Billerica, Milton and Tewksbury, to fight flames, which threatened many homes. The fire on West street travelled at great speed and hit Reading and Woburn before it was finally checked. Flames and smoke could be seen for miles, as the wind sent the fire through the pine trees. Fires also were reported on Wildwood street, Wilde avenue, Salem street and three false alarms.

School boys were let out at 12 noon and joined the firefighters as well as the Boy Scouts. A special call was sent out for all auxiliary policemen by Chief Francis Hoban and they helped a great deal in controlling the large flow of traffic. Sandwiches and coffee were given all day and well into the night by the local American Legion and auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary, Lowell Red Cross, Salvation Army and many private families, also many other organizations of the town.

Many telephone calls were received at the firehouse in regards to giving shelter to any who were left homeles.

Chief Winfred Rice of the fire department could not give an estimate of the damage to homes or timber land, at a late hour today.

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Town to Have Little Department Store in New Wilmington Cash Store

Morris Weinberg, takes additional space in Theatre Block, and to carry new and up-to-date merchandise. Alterations give four front windows for display.

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Wilmington, in its usual progressive manner, will shortly add to its business list, a little department store. This will give a new line of endeavor, and a multitudious opportunity for the buying public to interest themselves in the most a newer and bigger variety of merchandise.

Some seven years ago, Morris Weinberg, came to Wilmington and traveled from house to house, canvassing for the sale of dry goods and such merchandise. Seeing the prospects and being an exceedingly progressive business man, he opened in 1926, the little wood store, that stood at the same site on which his present store is located. An explosion took place on Feb. 20, 1927, when Mr. Weinberg, was injured considerable, and the place, which carried no insurance was a great loss.

Mr. Weinberg determined to give the people of Wilmington their merchandise and opened a store in the Ames Block, now occupied by the Wilmington News, and conducted his business there.

Later he influenced Solomon Segal, and acted as an agent for the purchase and erection of the present block that is now known as the Theater Block. When the new block was completed the Wilmington Cash Store was the first occupant.

In February, 1928, the proprietor, Mr. Weinberg met with financial reverses, and although Mr. Weinberg managed the store the ownership was taken over by another party.

Last April, 1929, the Wilmington Cash Store opened a branch at Silver Lake, but due to the general business depression was forced to discontinue that store.

Mr. Weinberg's health gave out about that time, and it has so greatly improved that he has decided to give the town, which he has helped to progress, a larger store, with a much larger variety of merchandise than ever before in the town. He has again taken over the ownership of the store, and believes he can give the people just what they want.

They have taken over the store occupied formerly as a shoe repairing shop, taken down the petition between and have enlarged to such an extent as to have ample room for the progressiveness of the store. Everything will be modern and up to the minute.

Mr. Weinberg is a member of the local Grange, the I. O. O. F., the Re-

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NYA Building Sports Field at Wilmington

Wilmington young men, working under auspices of the National Youth Administration, busy on preliminary work on new athletic field in Wilmington.

Wilmington, known for generations as the community of outdoor sport lovers, is having a long desired dream come true with the erection of a worthwhile and sizable outdoor athletic campus for the exclusive use of its citizens, under the auspices of the National Youth Administration. The sport field, covering several acres and located in the southern section of the town, will serve as a baseball and football field as well as a general recreation place.

A group of 10 youths, ranging in age from 18 to 25, are laboring daily, hoping to have the project completed for use this season. Larry Cushing, landscape man, is in charge of the boys, who are working to the full satisfaction of all the citizens. The co-operating sponsors of the Wilmington athletic campus are Charles H. Black, chairman of the board of selectmen, and Harry J. Ainsworth, chief of police.

Diamond Already Laid Out.

A baseball diamond has already been laid out, the acreage has been properly drained and everything points to a very creditable piece of work being accomplished.

Wilmington town autohrities have co-operated in a creditable manner throughout the entire time the N. Y. A. workers have been at work on the much-needed project, giving every assistance possible, including the supplying of trucks and tools.

The new campus is being laid out on what is known as the "Town field," some distance south of the town. Previous to this time, due to economic conditions, little or nothing has been accomplished for the betterment of outdoor sports.

Benefit to Community.

The gravel and loam used in the grading of the project is being taken from a hill on the extreme southern side of the field. Much of this material is needed as the western section of the field is rough and hollow, requiring considerable attention. The athletic field will undoubtedly make the southern section of Wilmington a most desirable place for building in the future and the citizens feel that the movement will greatly benefit the entire community.

The youths themselves assigned to this project have learned much in the direction of shaping their future welfore. The have been properly taught the landscape art along with having learned how to handle tools properly.

The placing of youths on projects of this nature has many advantages. Boys assigned to such work come from needy families, and would otherwise find it most difficult, in a farming district, to find employment at this time of the year. The youths also have an opportunity to learn something in the form of a trade that will serve them well throughout their lives, and makes it possible for them to give aid to their families.

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LOUIE'S SUPER SERVICE TAKES ON MODERN ASPECT AS REMODELING IS COMPLETED

Photograph shows 150 foot Frontage on Main Street of Model One Stop Up-To-The Minute Service Station.

Back in 1914, Mason Alexander, a former resident on Church st, this town, built on Main st, a garage, which at that time was the first garage between Woburn and Lowell. Mr. Alexander dealt in accessories, gasoline, oil and did general repair work, and later in 1925 sold his business to a Somerville resident by the name of McAnern, who up until the spring of 1927 continued the business.

In April, 1927, Louis Irving Elf, man, the present proprietor of the Service Station, purchased the business and property and proceeded to make a few improvements.

The changes were done in a small way, the first being to cut off the front of the building about 12 feet. Still all in all Mr. Elfman, could not foresee that the business was coming in just the way it should, and decided to make drastic changes, which took place within a few months after he acquired ownership.

His first change was to purchase gasoline in Tank Car lots and dispense at a much lower price than other merchants were doing. Business began to pick up, excepting in the repair line, so a sub-lease was made to Charles Hunt, who did repairing in one end of the building from 1928 to 1929.

On the expiration of the sub-lease, Mr. Elfman decided to do afirst class job of remodeling, and took 20 feet off the front of the building, making it a straight front, with only one Garage entrance, and with the erection of a large canopy all electrically lighted, and cemented in front of the entire length of the garage, it gave a pleasant and inviting look to the establishment. The building originally came out even with the sidewalk, and since Mr. Elfman has made the changes he has cut off 32 feet from the front, and put in two double outlet electric pumps for his gasoline trade. During the course of reconstruction, a culvert of cement was built over the brook and the waste land in and about the building filled in. There is now plenty of space to drive in and out of the way of traffic.

Louie's Super Service Station, which is the name adopted in place of the old Wilmington Motor Mart, Deals in Texaco Gasoline, Colonial Regular and Colonial Ethyl Gasolines, and buys additional, Gasoline in Tank Car lots from one of the oldest refiners in the world. During the past month his gasoline sales has exceeded three cars and his anticipations are for four cars this month. The Tankar Gasoline is the same grade as used by the Blaisdell Transportation Company, which latter consums about 100 gallons a day in their large International trucks.

Louie's Super Service includes repairing, bumper and fender work, batteries and charging, washing, greasing, crankcase service, high

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Louis Irving Elfman
Proprietor
Louie's Super Service Station

Louis Elfman, was born on November 29th, 1895, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Elfman, in a little town called Vilna, Russia, which since the World War has become part of Poland. He came to America, with two sisters and three brothers, and his father and mother, at the age of 7 years and made his home in Boston where he attended the public schools. During the World War Louis served in Company I, 32nd Division of the 127th Infantry, and went across in June of 1918, to return on November 11th, 1918, Armistice Day. He is a member of Wilmington Post, 136, American Legion, also of Prince Johnothan Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., of Lynn, and makes his home on Brand av, this town.

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grade oils, tires, tubes and automobile accessories. They do their greasing with a high air pressure grease gun which puts the grease into machines under 15,000 pounds of pressure.

The service man on the job, is Richard Runyon, of Burlington, who has been in the automobile repairing business all of his life and is capable of handling any class of repair work.

This service station is the only one in Wilmington which is actually open 24 hours of the day.

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Louis C. Babine Is Awarded Medal For Etchings

Louis C. Babine of 167 Ash st., an artist with studios in Boston was signally honored this week. There was recently opened in Horticultural Hall the Boston Tercententry Fine Arts Exhibition which was visited on the opening day by about 3000 people. Mr. Babine exhibited a number of etchings of the City of Boston for which he was awarded a medal.

These etchings have been incorporated into a book issued by Mr. Babine of excellent design and typography which includes a lso a short sketch of the places illustrated. The first edition of this book has already been exhausted and the second edition is now being issued. The book makes an excellent reminder of the Tercentenary and is well worth preserving.

Br. Babine is the son of Mrs. Munday Babine of Middlesex avenue, this town.

Mr. Babine attended the local schools and was a graduate of Wilmington High School.

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Bernard F. Doucette Ordained Jesuit Priest

Rev. Bernard F. Doucette, S. J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Doucette, formerly residents of Wilmington, now of Melrose, was ordained on Wednesday, June 18th to the Jesuit Priesthood. The ceremoney took place in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Weston College, Weston, Mass., the Rt. Rev. John B. Peterson, D.D., auxiliary Bishop of Boston officiating.

Fr. Doucette celebrated his first Low Mass on Thursday, June 19th in the presence of his family in one of the private chapels at Weston College. His first Solemn High Mass was sung in Saint Mary's Church, Rev. Francis Glynn, pastor, Melrose, Mass. Sunday, June 22nd. The Rev. Walter Meagher, S.J. of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., acted as deacon, Rev. Joseph Beglan, S.J., of Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y., as sub-deacon and Rev. Patrick Shersy, curate at Saint Mary's Church, Melrose, as master of ceremonies. Rev. Michael J. Ahern, S.J., who conducts the Catholic Truth Hour on Sunday afternoon from the WNAC Radio Station, preached the sermon.

Immediately after the Mass breakfast was served at the home of Fr. Doucette's parents, in the afternoon a reception was held which was attended by a large number of friends and relatives.

Fr. Doucette was born in North Wilmington and is a grandson of Mrs. Dometille and the late Jeremiah Doucette. He attended the public schools and graduated from the Wilmington High school in 1913. His father, Bernard F. Doucette, graduated in the class of 1884 from the Town Hall. After leaving the High School Fr. Bernard Doucette worked for the Carter, Rice Co. in Boston for two years.

At that time Fr. Doucette intended to enter Massachusetts Institute of Technology to take up scienific work, but later changed his mind and went to Boston College. In 1917 he entered the Jesuit Novitiate at Saint Andrews on-the-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Four years of study there prepared him for three years of Philosophical studies at Woodstock College, Maryland. After these years he spent three years in the Philippine Islands, the first year teaching at Vigan, the last two years at the Manila Observatory, an institution in charge of the Jesuit Fathers which has charge of the weather bureau there and which has an enviable record for accurate and timely forecasts of the terrible typhoons peculiar to that locality.

Returning to the States in 1927, Fr. Doucette began his theological studies at Weston College where he will remain for another year to complete his work in Theology. This is in addition to the thirteen years of continuous study in preparation for the Jesuit Priesthood, an enviable record and a wonderful achievement by a graduate from the Wilmington High School.

Fr. Doucette is thirty-five years of age, an outstanding example of careful home training and a definite purpose in life.

Tuesday of this week Fr. Doucette visited at the home of his grandmother

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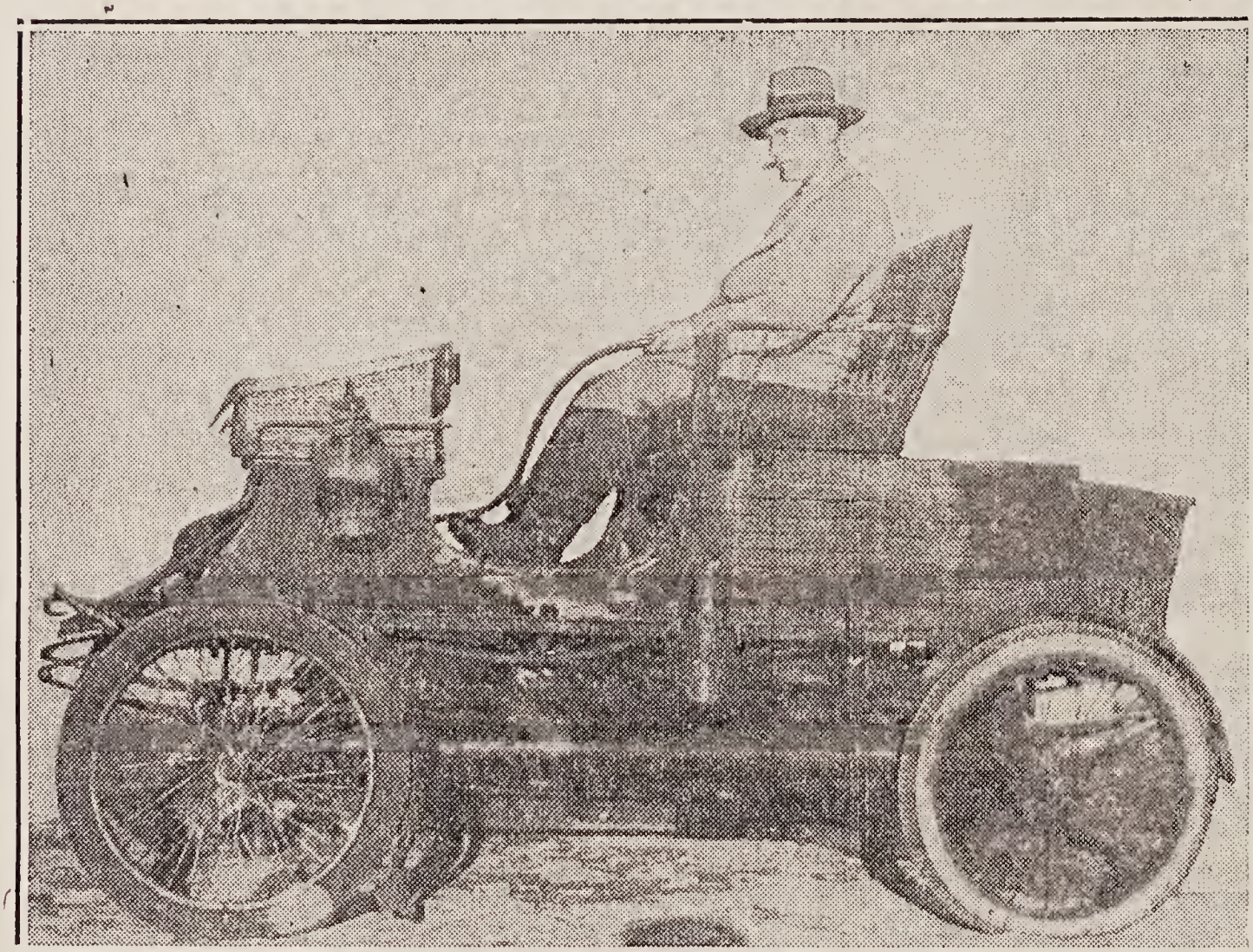
OSTON GLOBE—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1927

"HORSELESS CHARIOT" 24 YEARS OLD AND STILL GOING



LUTHER CARTER OF WILMINGTON IN THE FIRST AUTO EVER USED IN WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON, Dec 7—Although it would not draw a prize, unless it was classed as an antique or at any rate as a relic of days long since gone, and would certainly not be permitted to mix in the fine company that annually assembles at the classy auto show, this town harbors an old-timer that is still performing, despite its long service.

One look dispels any idea of a smart-looking, high-pleed, speedy and capacious car of the present day, but it must have been built of metal that stands the test. It's a Stanley steamer, by the way, and is said to be the 146th car turned out by that company.

The car has been in the hands of Wilmington people for 24 years. Once it was an artistic time-saver that graced the roads, but today folks here refer to it as the "granddaddy" of them all.

While many a car of less age has long since gone to the quiet pasture, this car, now in the possession of Luther Carter, may be seen hurrying about town at the "breakneck" speed of 15 miles an hour. A checkup showed that the car has pretty nearly all of its original parts, although some of them have developed strange noises that were never intended. The boiler is said to be somewhat weakened by age, but it never falls down, thanks to the overhauling Mr Carter gives it before he goes out for a spin.

The car was first the property of Dr Daniel T. Buzzell, a physician, and was later sold to Harry N. Ames, who conducted a periodical store until his death about two years ago. Last Summer its present owner obtained it and has had a lot of fun and attracts much attention driving around town in his venerable old "horseless chariot."

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Indifference Scored by Wilmington Moderator

Philip B. Buzzell Says About 25 per Cent of Town Voters Exercise Franchise and Participate in Annual Meetings

G. L. Chap. 39, Sec. 14.

"At every town meeting when moderators are not elected for the term of one year, a moderator shall first be chosen. The election of a moderator at a meeting for the choice of town officers shall be by ballot. . . . .

"Any town . . . which has so voted or hereafter so votes may at any annual election of town . . . officers elect from the inhabitants thereof by ballot a moderator to preside at all town . . . meetings . . . Any town . . . which has elected a moderator for the term of one year shall thereafter elect a moderator at every annual election of town . . . officers, unless the town . . . votes to discontinue the electing of moderators for said term."

The Town of Wilmington prior to 1923 for many years had followed the practice mentioned in the first paragraph of the statute quoted above, and had elected a moderator at each annual or special town meeting for that meeting only. At the annual meeting in March of 1923 the town first elected a moderator to serve for the entire year, and Edward R. Eames was chosen. Thereafter Mr. Eames served as moderator without interruption for 12 years until in 1935 he declined to run for re-election, feeling that the strain of presiding over the sometimes strenuous debates was too great in view of his advancing years.

In March of 1935, therefore, Philip B. Buzzell was elected, and has served as moderator down to the present time, having been re-elected for another year term at the March meeting just past.

"Election Cake" Favorite.

He remembers, as a small boy, being present as an interested spectator at several of the real old-fashioned town meetings which lasted all day, beginning with the calling of the meeting to order by the town clerk, the election of a moderator by the use of ballots improvised on the spot from slips of paper, then the election of the Selectmen and other town officers for the ensuing year, and finally the debates and voting upon the various articles in the warrant. The proceedings were always interrupted at noon by the serving of a substantial dinner in the vestry of the Congregational church across the street from the town hall, featured by "election cake."

Most of the people of the town made a holiday of the occasion and enjoyed the social as well as the political side of the gathering. Debate was always vigorous and frequently waxed personal.

At that time there was several very able speakers in the town and one or two in particular who seemed to have the ability to swing the voters almost at will to one side or the other of a hotly debated question by a few well timed remarks. Nowadays they would be referred to as "students of mass psychology" but in those days they were known merely as slick talkers.

The town meeting in recent years have been much less colorful and exciting, and have tended to become rather cut and dried affairs. This has been due in part to the work of a very able and painstaking finance committee under the chairmanship of Herbert C. Barrows. Each year this committee has investigated the budgets of the various departments so thoroughly, and made such clear and satisfactory reports, that the voters have fallen into the habit of of accepting the committee's recommendations in most instances without question.

Few Exercise Franchise.

In his experience thus far the one fact which has most impressed the present moderator is that so many of the voters at every meeting and election fail to exercise their right of franchise. For instance, at the town elections this March, out of 2214 registered voters only 1621 appeared at the polls. Out of nearly 600 persons who stayed away, no doubt a few were unavoidably prevented by illness or other valid reasons, but in the vast majority of cases their absence must have been due merely to indifference or laziness. As there were hotly contested fights for several offices, it is hard to understand such an attitude. If these voters could be forced to spend a few months in Italy or Germany under the Fascist or Nazi regimes, they would probably return to this country with a keener appreciation of their rights and privileges as American citizens.

The same tendency is even more marked at the evening meeting following the election, when the remaining articles in the warrant are acted on. Grange hall, where these meeting are held, seats only 480 persons, while the registered voting list for several years has contained in excess of 2000 names. Although the hall has been crowded on several occasions, the overflow has never yet been so great as to require serious consideration of adopting the system of electing town meeting representatives.

This seems that but little over 25 per cent on the average, of the voters of the town have been sufficiently interested to attend the meeting at which the entire business of the town for the year is considered and an annual budget averaging substantially in excess of $200,000, is voted. A radical change in this attitude must be brought about in some way if the American system of government is to continue in successful operation.

Sketch of Moderator.

Moderator Buzzell, a native of town he has served as moderator since 1935, is a member of the firm of Hemenway and Barnes, counselors-at-law, with offices located in Boston.

Mr. Buzzell, who was graduated from Yale university, was born Jan. 29, 1892. He has spent his entire life in Wilmington and his father was Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell, beloved physician of Wilmington for many years.

The town moderator is married and is the father of two daughters, Mary Lou, a student at Vassar college, N. Y., and Ann, a student at the Wilmington high school.

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WILMINGTON, MASS., MAY 23, 1930

TRAVELER GOLD MEDAL FOR WILMINGTON HERO

Norman W. Perry, Wilmington call Fireman, Awarded Boston Traveler's Gold Medal of Honor for Saving Life of Fellow Fireman—Rescues Brother Worker at Blaze—Tech Graduate Available Only at Night for Fire Calls

Norman W. Perry

In the presence of selectmen, police and fire officials, and 200 residents attending a special town meeting in Grange Hall, Wilmington, last Friday evening, private Norman W. Perry of the Wilmington fire department, was presented with the Boston Traveler's gold medal of honor, symbolic of heroism. The presentation was made by Harold F. Wheeler, managing editor of the Boston Traveler.

Private Perry is a call fireman on the Wilmington department. He is available only at night for fires that occur in the town. During the day he is employed as a chemical engineer for the Merrimac Chemical Company. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He is 31, unmarried and lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Perry, Church st,. He is six feet in height and weighs 200 pounds. Ordinarily, in reviving a man overcome, three men, working in relays, are employed in resuscitation by the prone pressure method, but Perry's marvelous physique enabled him to accomplish the task of reviving his comrade without any help.

Perry Surprised

Private Perry was completely surprised. In fact the majority of persons present were unaware of the honor that was to be bestowed upon one of their native sons. When Town Moderator Edward M. Eames called Perry to the stage, there was a ripple of chattering in the audience. Their suspense was short, however, when Moderator Eames anonunced Mr. Wheeler, managing editor of the Traveler, who was promptly introduced to Private Perry. Mr. Wheeler in making the presentation said:

"Last year, upon the occasion of its 104th birthday anniversary, the Boston Traveler established the Boston Traveler Medal of Honor. The medal is awarded to policemen and firemen for exceptional service—some act of valor or merit—beyond the line of regular duty.

"Too often we take the service of those gallant men for granted. They constantly stand guard over us. They watch over us and our homes and loved ones through the day and through the night. To us it is only routine. But always they stand ready to risk their lives for us—give their lives for us.

MEDAL FROM TRAVELER

"Private Perry, in the performance of his duties as a call fireman for your town, recently, at the risk of his own life, saved the life of his fellow firemen, Private Jerome J. O'Leary—one of your selectmen,. In recognition of his heroic act the Boston Traveler is greatly honored to bestow this Boston Traveler Medal of Honor on Private Norman W. Perry."

Walter L. Hale, chairman of the board of selectmen, expressed thanks on behalf of the residents of the town of Wilmington for the Traveler's gold medal of honor.

Private Perry, on the morning of March 14, at 12.15 a. m., responded to a fire in a one-story dwelling on Westland ave, Wilmington. The fire was confined to the inside and was well ventilated, but because of the peculiar construction of the building it was impossible to get any immediate results. The materials used in the inside construction not only caused a great amount of smoke, but also carbon monoxide gas, which rendered Priv. O'Leary unconscious.

Priv. O'Leary was discovered by Priv. Perry, who immediately removed him to the open air, applied the prone pressure method of resuscitation and after about 30 minutes of uninterrupted treatment O'Leary resumed natural breathing.

Priv. Perry also was affected by the fumes but he did not make his condition known until after the doctor arrived and pronounced O'Leary out of danger. Perry then was given medical attention for smoke inhalation.

Saved by Quick Action

O'Leary was for some time after being treated by Dr. McGuiness of Wilmington and Dr. Caulfield of Woburn. Both physicians agreed that O'Leary would have suffered considerable physical disability and possibly death if he had not received immediate attention.

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GARDNER I. RITCHIE TO BE DECORATED BY CARNEGIE

Heroism a Year Ago Brings Just Rewards.

Gardner I. Ritchie of Columbia st., this town, a member of the Welfare board of the town of Wilmington and a former member of the Planning board here, has been awarded a Carnegie silver medal for heroism, the Carnegie Hero Fund commission announced in Pittsburgh last week.

Ritchie father of five children, saved William E. Converse, aged 60, from death by a train here on Dec. 8 1930. Converse stood on a track on which a train was approaching, waiting to board a train in the opposite direction.

Ritchie ran to Converse, grabbed him under the armpits and lifted him to the space between the two tracks just in time to save him. He held him in the 43-inch space between the passing trains until they stopped.

Ritchie is a clerk in the office of the auditor of freight receipts of the Boston & and Maine Railroad in Boston. Besides his current service on the towns welfare board, he was a member of Planning board, until he declined the nomination at the last town meeting. He is a prominent member of the Wilmington Catholic Club and was its president for two years.

The medal recipient was born in Lynn, Mass. April 11 1891 the son of Mr and Mrs James A. Ritchie. In his youth he moved to Salem, Mass. where he graduated from Salem high school in 1911. He spent a year in Springfield Y M C A. college, studying physical training in June, 1921 he married Miss Rose Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Porter of this town. They have five children, John; Pauline; Mary; Charles and Robert. John, the oldest is 10 years old and Robert, the youngest has seen 11 months.

The act for which Mr. Ritchie is to be decorated is quoted below.

" The life of W E. Converse South street was saved on Monday morning by the quick thinking and action of Gardner Ritchie. Converse was standing on the northbound track at Wilmington station, waiting to board the 6.52 train for Boston, which was approaching the station. The shopmen's train from Boston to the Billerica shops (of the Boston & Maine Railroad) was approaching on the opposite track. While the waiting passengers stood spellbound, Ritchie took in the situation at a glance and made a flying leap, lifting Converse bodily from the track and holding him between the two trains until the shopmen's train had passed. There is no doubt but what Ritchie saved a life at the risk of his own. Ritchie is employed by the Boston & Maine as a timekeeper and is well known and popular resident of this town."

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Dial System to Be Set up in Wilmington

Newest Type Phone Service to Replace Magneto Equipment Now in Use in Nearby Community.

Telephone users at Wilmington are to have all the advantages of the latest type of dial service, Manager Bennett of the Telephone Company announced today.

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. plans to replace the present magneto equipment, which requires the use of a hand crank to call the operator, with dial equipment similar to that now in use in cities and other communities through New England. The new service will be of type especially designed to meet all the needs of the people of Wilmington.

In addition to speeding up the making of local and long distance calls, Manager Bennett said, dial service permits customers to make calls as swiftly in early morning hours after midnight as during the peak loads in daylight hours.

The services of an operator will be available at all times for assistance, emergency or long distance calls.

The dial equipment is to be installed in a new building which the telephone company will construct on land adjacent to the present central office. The work of changing the present instruments to the new type, which will be equipped with dials, the installing of new equipment and the reconditioning of the entire telephone plant in the town will be started within a short time.

All the present facilities, including poles, cables, wires and all other outdoor equipment, are to be inspected and replacements and repairs will be made wherever necessary to prepare the telephone plant for the new service.

It will not be possible to use the dials to make calls until all the work is completed and the entire system is changed over to the new type of service.

More than 35 such community dial offices have been placed in service in various parts of New England during the past few years and the telephone company reports that a survey showed customers favoring the new service in every community in which it has been installed.

New Telephone Building.

A local contractor, Chester Horton of Adams street, has been awarded the contract by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. to build the new telephone building in Church street. The building will be constructed of brick, one story in height. It will be built on land formerly owned by Jeanette White. New location adjoins the site of the present telephone exchange. Work will start Jan. 2 and is to be completed on or about April 1.

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Tyngsboro Girl Married to Wilmington Doctor

DR. AND MRS. ERNEST C. MacDOUGALL.

Tyngsboro, Oct. 9.

At the Evangelical church Friday evening at 8.30 o'clock, a pretty wedding was held when Miss Sarah Hanson Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Norton, Farwell road, became the bride of Dr. Ernest Chandler MacDougall of Wilmington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester MacDougall of Reading.

The church auditorium was attractively decorated with palms, ferns, gladioli, large yellow and pompom chysanthemums, and in the church parlor, where the reception was held, autumn leaves, pompom and ferns were used in the decorations. The fall colors predominated in both the church auditorium and reception room.

Preceding the ceremony and as the guests gathered, a program of organ music was given by Miss Eleanor Sherburne followed by a vocal solo, "I Love You Truly," by Mrs. Guy Nichols of Wilmington. As the bridal party entered the church the organist played the familiar wedding march from Lohengrin and as they left, Mendelssohn's wedding march was played.

The single ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Wellington C. Pixler, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Westfield, assisted by Rev. Dwayne H. Mengel, pastor of the Evangelical church in Tyngsboro. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Raymond A. Norton.

The bride's gown was of white transparent velvet, with a double veil of tulle and lattice-work cap with a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a bridal bouquet of gardenias and lilies of the valley.

The bride's attendants were Mrs. Fred Fober of Wakefield, as matron of honor, who wore deep red velvet with turban and gloves of the same material. She carried an arm bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The four bridesmaids were Miss Mildred Norton of Chelmsford, and Miss Ruth Norton of Lowell, gowned in red velvet with gold coronets; Miss Isabelle Hamilton of North Chelmsford and Miss Marion Norton of Lowell, gowned in green velvet with gold coronets. They all carried arm bouquets of yellow and bronze pompoms.

Little Patricia Toms of North Chelmsford was flower girl and she was dresesd in a long pink taffeta gown and carried a colonial bouquet of mixed flowers.

Dr. MacDougall was attended by his brother-in-law, Mr. Lawrence L. Horton, of Reading, as best man. The ushers were: Mr. Arthur Langdon of Springfield, Dr. Cornelius Thibeault of Wakefield, Dr. Lawrence Mutty of Manchester-by-the-Sea, and Mr. Fred Fober of Wakefield. The bridegroom wore a boutonniere of lilies-of-the-valley.

After the wedding ceremony a reception to relatives and friends was held in the church parlor. Dr. and Mrs. MacDougall were assisted in receiving by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Norton, the bridegroom's parents; Mr. and Mrs. Chester MacDougall, the matron-of-honor, Mrs. Fober, and the best man, Mr. Horton.

The mother of the bride was dressed in blue transparent velvet with a corsage of gardenias and the bridegroom's mother wore a gown of blue lace with a corsage of talisman roses.

The bridesmaids assisted in serving the wedding cake, and the guest book was in charge of Mrs. Lawrence Horton and Mrs. Elmer Peverill.

The bride and bridegroom are going on an extended wedding trip to the British West Indies, after which they will be at home to their friends after Dec. 1 in Church street, Wilmington.

Dr. MacDougall is a practicing physician in Wilmington.

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"Company No. 2 Shows Class"

Lines written on the recent Firemen's Muster in Wilmington by A. J. Crowhurst of Reading.

A contest of speed twixt Wilmington firemen bold,
Was held Wednesday eve on the Common I'm told,
And a cup made of silver, though it may seem quite strange,
Was put up as a prize by the Wilmington grange.

Captain Baxter won the toss for the Company One,
Told his lieutenant and men to get ready for fun;
Their horses most flew till they looked like a speck,
But the stream went wide down Charlie Carter's neck.

Young Horton got nervous, 'most fell in the well,
Dan Boynton said things I guess I'll not tell,
Jim White and Simonds had excuses a plenty,
But the best they could do, was two minutes and twenty.

And now Company Two, goes back to the line,
Their horses and men are all looking fine,
Raymond White and Jim Regan, Linn Smith and Mike,
Said they knew they'd win out if their gait they could strike.

Bill Doucette, Gint Hoban, Bill Goodwin and Doyle.
Said they knew very well that time they could spoil.
And Jerry and Terry, Buck, Durkee and Surette,
Said they'd give them a trimming they'd never forget.

All eyes on the starter! He is raising his hand,
The horses are prancing, they will no longer stand,
Down the road they are coming, the black driven by Nifty,
And a good stream they had in one minute and fifty.

Chief Butters had said he was entirely neutral,
But the look on his face made it seem very doubtful,
So cheer up, Number One boys, and don't look so blue,
You are all right for One, but you don't quite reach Two.

A. J. Crowhurst, Reading, Mass.

OUR FLAG

We are printing in this issue of our paper an original poem by Miss Maria W. Carter entitled "Our Flag" which savors of the spirit of patriotism which now envelopes us. This poem was delivered before the Old Boston Chapter, D. A. R., on April 4, 1917, at Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

OUR FLAG

Our beautiful flag, we do obeisance to thee,
As thou floateth aloft o'er this land of the free,
May thy stars and thy stripes ne'er be trampled to earth
In this land that we love, this land of our birth.

Should traitor or foe draw near to our shore,
And with evil intent thy significance ignore,
Thy sons and thy daughters would rise in their might,
In defense of thine honor, in defense of the right.

Allegiance we've pledged to our republic and thee,
An indivisible nation where all should agree,
Here freedom and justice are offered to all
True Americans at heart, who'd respond to its call.

May we never forget the blood that's been shed
To perpetuate thy life, those illustrious dead
Who gloried in sacrifice of everthing for thee,
Bequeathing to future generations sweet liberty.

Ne'er again to be plunged in warfare or strife,
But forever emblematic of the peaceful life,
To wave o'er a nation united and strong,
Was the cherished desire of each loyal son.

But our fondest hopes are now crushed to earth,
Through machinations of men of alien birth,
Whose insatiate frenzy to rule mankind
Has to other's needs made them purblind.

The vision of the Christ is obscured from sight,
And a monster of militarism has risen in his might,
Who would fiendishly annihilate millions today.
That over all nations his sceptre might sway.

But with faith in our helmsman, so noble and true,
We'll press onward, right onward with one goal in view:
To liberate all nations from royal decree
That all men may be equal, all men may be free.

So, cruelly impressed into the maelstromof war,
Through evil intrigners, defiant of law.
We must trust the Omnipotent, who guardeth his own,
To uphold thine honor till victory be won.

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DR. BUZZELL'S WILD RIDE

The story has been handed about, from time to time, concerning Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell, who when he first came to Wilmington, accepted the hospitality of Joseph N. Ames, to go for a ride in the latter's buggy. The affair will be well remembered by the oldest settlers, and especially by the Doc. Henry A. Ames, an aspiring Poet, wrote the following, which will give more clearly, an outline of just what happened. The distance covered was from the railroad crossing at Main st, to Perry's corner. Read on.

Listen, dear reader, while I tell
Of a twilight ride and what befell
Joe and the doctor.
When the zephyrs played their finest tune,
And the air was filled with sweet perfume
From flowers in the merry month of June,
Joe said to the doctor,
"We will ride.
How jolly 'twill be at eventide!
We'll take in the principal street
And move in a style that can't be beat.
We'll rattle our bones over the stones,
And s'pose we take
The straightest road to Silver Lake."
"Agreed," said the doctor,
And both sat down
In a village cart of some renown.

The time was even by the kitchen clock,
When they reached the "branch"
That leads the train to Lawrence town.
And they smelled the smoke as it settled down
From the locomotive, grim and black,
As its speed increased on the Lawrence track.
"Ger-long," said the doctor,
"Gid up," said Joe,
And the prancing steed, with his jolly load,
Turned about for the Woburn road.

What is that sound and what the shock?
It seemed as though they had struck a rock.
No, but the breeching's too long and the tugs too short,
The girt is loose and the check is taut,
And the horse's heels trike hard and fast
On the dasher board as they quickly passed
Crowd and station, carriage and dray,
To Perry's shop, a mile way.

Each held a rein in the dangerous race;
Each lost his hat, and blanched each face,
And every traveller they chanced to meet
Courteously (?) gave them the width of the street
While they moved in a style that can't be beat.
"No one injured," the papers say.
No baskets of fragments obstructed the way.
No one to "climb the golden stairs"
On that summer eve, no vacant chairs.
Shades of Elijah! the one-horse shay
And Gilpin, too, all rise to say,
On history's page the record will glow
Of the wonderful ride of the doctor and Joe.

WILMINGTON BOARD OF TRADE.

We wish to introduce to you
The Wilmington "Board of Trade."
We bespeak for them your patronage
For which you will be repaid.
To make a good beginning,
It often has been said,
That a man who rises early
Must early go to his bed.
First is Perry, the dairyman,
Who rises with the lark
In order to supply his trade
Before it is too dark.
And there is Charles E. Carter,
A generous hearted man,
Who sells the very best of meat,
Poultry, pork and lamb.
His prices are very moderate,
His cart is always neat,
Give him your Christmas order,
It will make your dinner complete.
And now we mention Buck Bros.,
Whose dealings are always fair.
They will meet you on the level,
And part with you on the square.
Their groceries are always good,
Their spices and tea the best,
Give them an order for a supply,
We are sure they will stand the test.
Two stores supply the customers
Regardless of their rank,
Their clerks are always courteous,
And you will find them "Frank."
C. E. Hudson, grocer, just across the way,
His trade has been established here
For many and many a day.
He carries the best of canned goods
And meats of various kinds,
Also a nice assortment
Of dry goods you will find.
Now comes the blacksmith, Perry,
A very pleasant man,
His manner is always courteous,
His face shines like sun.
When he your work has finished
You can always say "Well done."
Irwin Morse, our humble friend,
I would mention in my ditty,
For he lives in the part of Wilmington
That is always called the "city."
He deals in wood, both hard and pine,
Poultry and eggs the best,
His customers buy with pleasure,
For his vegetables are always good
And sold by "scripture measure."
Mr. E. E. Carter, our hardware man,
Will supply you in every line,
Including lumber, oak, spruce or pine,
Paint, oil or varnish, best that's made.
Give him a call and order, dear friends,
And learn to patronize home trade.
There is D. F. Perkins, the painter,
Whose work always looks so neat,
He will begin at the foundation
And paint your house complete,
Including paint and whitening
Upon your walls so nice
If you'll only employ him once
You will surely want him twice.
If you have property to transfer
To brother or to neighbor,
Just call on C. W. Clarke, Esq.,
To do the legal favor.
He will write the deed so neat for you
Without a single flaw,
His prices are very moderate
For a doctor of the law.
Two M. D.'s reside in town
Whose success has surely been great,
For the health of Wilmington people
Ranks second in the state.

MRS. MARY KIDDER.

One of our kind-hearted grocery men, who has taken a great deal of interest in our town doctor, thinks for his personal safety that he should cease to drive his spirited black horse and purchase a good, steady pair of oxen, so the order for a good pair was given (by the doctor's friends) to a local cattle dealer, who made the purchase this past week. They are a fine pair, but the doctor still maintains his dignity, and is trying to help the dealer by finding him a customer.

Dr. D. T. Buzzell has been confined to his home for the past week by illness. He is somewhat improved and is contemplating a trip to California. His legion of friends wish him a pleasant trip and a quick return to health. Dr. Buzzell has for the past 42 years been making local calls both night and day, and he certainly deserves a rest; but he is going to be missed while he is gone.

WILMINGTON.

Dr. Buzzell had been calling on a patient Sunday and was about to get into the buggy when the horse started and ran, clearing himself without injury, but damaging harness and buggy. The doctor's friends were pleased to know that he received no injury. The village blacksmith's first inquiry was, "Did it smash the buggy?"

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90TH ANNIVERSARY

[Sun Staff Photo]

Miss Marion Sidelinker, his great grand niece, admires the medal that John H. Simpson of Wilmington, G. A. R. veteran, received in the Civil war, at his 90th birthday anniversary party yesterday.

Wilmington

John H. Simpson, Sole G. A. R. Member, Has 90th Anniversary

BULLETIN

(Special to The Sun)

STATE HOUSE, June 29—The state senate has refused to give a $500 a year pension to Benjamin G. Seaboyer, former chaplain of the Soldiers home in Chelsea. Dr. Seaboyer, who is a resident of Wilmington, was voted the pension by the house, but an 11-11 tie in the senate yesterday killed the bill.

WILMINGTON, June 29—John H. Simpson of Salem street, North Wilmington, the only surviving member of the Grand Army from this town, observed his 90th birthday anniversary yesterday. Mr. Simpson was born in North Reading in 1849 and enlisted at the age of 13 in the Union army. He enlisted on Dec. 8, 1863, and was discharged on Sept. 15, 1865. He was senior vice commander of post 194, G. A. R., of Reading and there are but two other surviving members of that post. He received many calls and cards from his friends and relatives. A bouquet of flowers was sent to him from the Wakefield lodge of Elks, of which he is an honorary member. In the afternoon the following relatives tendered him a party: Mrs. Mable Sidelinker, niece; Cecil Sidelinker, grand nephew; Mrs. Cecil Sidelinker, Marion Sidelinker, great grand niece; Earl and Leonard Sidelinker, great grand nephews. Mr. Simpson has been living with his grand niece, Miss Edith Sidelinker, the past seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sargent also were present. There was a decorated birthday cake and ice cream and cake was served by the hostess. In the evening members of the American Legion post and their auxiliary, including Cmdr. Carl Dreger, Joseph McMahon, James Castine, Ernest Cail, John Doyle, Samuel Grant, J. Turner Hood, Jr., Justice Balsar, M. Alice Lee, Rose Cavanaugh, Anna McMahon, Rosana Babine and Elizabeth McMahon paid their respects to him and cigars and candy were presented him by the members.

94 Years Young

A delegation of representatives from the American Legion and the Legion auxiliary, the Boy Scouts, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars paid a visit Monday night to John H. Simpson, G. A. R. veteran, at his home on Salem street in observance of his 94th birthday. The delegation presented a gift to Mr. Simpson, who is one of the 18 surviving Civil war veterans in Massachusetts.

UNCLE JOHN THANKS ALL

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"Uncle" John H. Simpson, of North Wilmington, wishes to sincerely thank all his friends and relatives who graciously remembered him on his 90th birthday, Wednesday, June 28.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Newcomb, of Lake Worth, Florida; Mrs. Mabel Sidelinker and son, Mr. George Sidelinker, of Tampa, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Sidelinker, of Reading, Mass.; Sergeant and Mrs. Talbot Sidelinker, of Wilmington; Mr. Wilson Sidelinker, of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sidelinker and children, Marion, Earl and Leonard, of North Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sargent, of Wakefield, Mass.; Mrs. Walter Farello and daughter, Miss Elene Farello, of Wilmington, and the delegation from the American Legion and Auxiliary. Post 136, Wilmington.

Many presents were received. Refreshments were served throughout the afternoon and evening by the hostess, Miss Edith Sidelinker.

The house was beautifully decorated with flowers, among which was a bouquet presented in behalf of the Wakefield Lodge of Elks.

John Henry Simpson

Born—North Reading, June 28, 1849.

Education—Public schools.

Residence—In Wilmington and North Reading except for brief period in New Hampshire.

Occupation—Formerly in grocery business in Reading. Employed for ten years at North Reading Sanitarium Now retired from active business.

Public Service—Twenty-two months in Union Army during Civil War. Honored by being only surviving Civil War veteran in Wilmington. Election teller for several years.

Religious, Fraternal and Social Affiliations—Congregational Church, member of Veteran Post of G. A. R. in Reading, Masons, Red Men and Elks.

Family—Married to Anna Swain, now deceased, in 1877. No children.

Home—Salem Street, North Wilmington.

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COUNTY NEWS

ONLY SURVIVING G. A. R. VETERAN HONORED AT MEMORIAU DAY EXERCISES

John H. Simpson, only surviving G. A. R. veteran was honored during memorial day exercises Tuesday of the local patriotic organizations at the Soldier's Monument in Wildwood cemetery

Mr. Simpson was given a salute of the colors and presentation of arms by the firing squad.

Flowers were presented him by Mary Ann Barry and Thomas McMahon, and Lincoln Gettysburg address was given by Harry Campbell member of the Boy Scouts.

Rev. Andrew J. White, pastor of St. Thomas church delivered a talk on "The G. A. R."

Remarks were also offered by Mrs. Susan T. Esler, State Dept. president of Legion Auxiliary.

Last Veteran (1943)

John H. Simpson Member of Local Post

John H. Simpson, last surviving member of Veteran Post 194, Grand Army of the Republic, passed away at his home, 343 Salem st, North Wilmington, on Friday, Nov. 5, at the age of 94.

Mr. Simpson was born in North Reading on June 28, 1849, and had resided in Wilmington for the past 75 years. His wife, Annie L. Simpson passed away 20 years ago. A number of nieces and nephews survive him.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7 at 2 p. m. in the Wilmington Congregational Church, amidst a mound of beautiful flowers, which he loved so well, he was given a military funeral service. Members of the Reading and Wilmington American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Y. D. Veterans Assn., American Legion Auxiliary, Wakefield Lodge of Elks and Boy Scouts of America occupied half of the church auditorium.

Rev. Clyde M. Martin, pastor of the church, delivered a fitting tribute to Mr. Simpson who was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln. In his closing remarks he quoted Lincoln's second inaugural address which the grand old soldier had incorporated into his own life, "with malice toward none; with charity for all."

The soloist was Mrs. Esther Nichols who rendered two vocal solos, one of which "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," was especially liked by Mr. Simpson.

He was laid at rest in Wildwood Cemetery at Wilmington, after the traditional vollies had been fired and Taps played by the American Legion, and answered by the Boy Scout bugler.

G. A. R VETERAN AT WILMINGTON SERVICES—Shown above is John H. Simpson, G. A. R. veteran of Wilmington, as he attended the Memorial day services there.

AT WILMINGTON EXERCISES — Shown, left to right, in this group, taken at Memorial day exercises at Wilmington, are: Robert M. Babine, John Simpson, G. A. R., Sarah E. Higginbottom, Capt. Dr. George Hathaway, U. S. N. retired; Justice Balser, vice commander American Legion; and Louis Kennedy, commander, American Legion.

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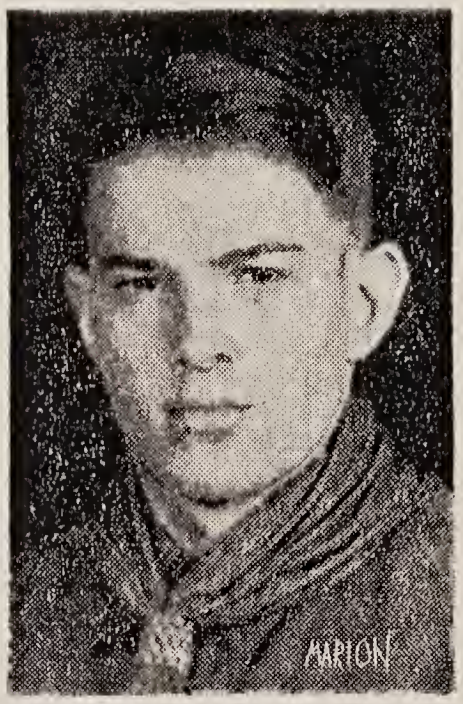
EWS FROM NEARBY PI

Three Greater Lowell Boys Made Eagle Scouts at Court of Honor Here

CHARLES F. SOULE

GEORGE MacARTHUR JR.



CHESTER A. WOODWARD

Three Greater Lowell Boy Scouts joined the select role of "Eagle" scouts when they received their Eagle badges at an Eagle Court of Honor yesterday afternoon in Liberty hall of the Memorial Auditorium.

The three scouts who received their badges from Dr. Mason D. Bryant, chairman of the court of honor, are George MacArthur jr., Troop 55, North Billerica; Chester A. Wodoward, Troop 212, Chelmsford and Charles F. Soule, Troop 2, Wilmington.

Only Seven Eagle Scouts.

In outlining the importance of the Eagle scouts and the exacting duties imposed on a Boy Scout to win such a coveted honor, Dr. Bryant pointed out that of the 1000 scouts in Greater Lowell council, Boy Scouts of America, there are only seven Eagle scouts including the three boys who received their honors at the court of honor yesterday.

The speaker at the affair was J. Earl Wotton, superintendent of the Middlesex County Training school in North Chelmsford, who said that the Boy Scouts is the best character-building training organization in the world today. A pioneer in the Boy Scout movement in Lowell, Mr. Wotton has followed the progress of scoutdom in this section and said that the program of Greater Lowell Boy Scouts is a highly commendable one, and accomplishes a considerable amount of good for the respective communities of the district despite the fact that the total cost per year for each scout is only $8.

Mr. Wotton also outlined the work being done at the Training school especially in making the school and home for boys rather than a place of confinement.

Playlet Presented.

A playlet entitled, "The Road to Eagle," and which outlines the various stages in a scout's progress to winning the Eagle badge was given under the direction of A. C. Dawes, scoutmaster. The program included musical selections by the Lowell high school orchestra, under the direction of Miss Gertrude F. O'Brien with a trumpet trio by Barbara Shea, Clayton Cummings and Harold Langdon. Because of illness, Scout Executive Ernest Schultz could not attend the program.

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Boy Scout week will be observed from Feb. 7 to Feb. 17. On Feb. 8 a father and son banquet will be held in Grange hall. Much has been accomplished in 10 years of scouting, which was organized in Wilmington in 1923 with Mr. Cann as scoutmaster, and continued to run under his guidance until 1927. Reorganized in 1931 by Mr. Simmons and Richard Rosson, and soon thereafter Frederick Cann was selected as scoutmaster. A successful and sound foundation was laid down by Mr. Oman between the years of 1931 and 1933. In 1933 Wilmington lost one of scouting's most interested figures at Mr. Oman's death.

About this time Edward Manning was picked as scoutmaster. He served for one year between 1933 and 1934, and carried on the ideals and tradition of his predecessor.

In 1934 Donald Plimton, who came up in scouting from a tenderfoot, was selected as scoutmaster. He served for two years, 1934-1936. Under his guidance the Wilmington troop became known as the Camping Troop of the Greater Lowell Council.

In 1936, the present scoutmaster, Foster B. Balser, was chosen, and has continued to serve the boys of Wilmington.

In 1838 Cubbing was organized here for boys between the ages of 9 and 11. The cubmaster was Ted Norton. On occount of his studies, he resigned in 1939. and Frank Haynes, the present cubmaster, was chosen. Wilmington can now boast the largest Cub Pack in the Lowell Council.

In 1941 the Senior Scouts were organized, for older Scouts who had attained the rank of Life Scout. This unit is under the leadership of Jr. A. S. M. Irving Rice.

In 1939, due to the efforts of many public-spirited citizens, a cabin was constructed for the boys in North Wilmington. This cabin is used on week-ends to practice Scouting.

In the records of the Greater Lowell Council, Wilmington has 10 per cent of the total Scout registration. There are 45 units in the council.

Wilmington has 96 registered Sconts. 45 registered Cubs, three registered Senior Scouts and 18 Scouters of Leaders. There are at present seven Eagle Scouts in Wilmington. One-third of the local boys attended the council camp, Wah-tut-ca, at Northwood, N. H., during the summer of 1940.

Following is a list of local Scout officers:

Foster B. Balser, scoutmaster; Daniel White, assistant scoutmaster and advanced officer; Charles Black jr., assistant scoutmaster; Donald Nims, assistant scoutmaster; Roy Minehan, assistant scoutmaster and social officer; Irving Rice jr., assistant scoutmaster and camp master; Charles Soule jr., assistant scoutmaster and public relations officer; Herbert Higginbotham, senior patrol leader; Elwin Hovey, senior patrol leader.

This list comprises the senior staff. Besides these, there is a junior staff of nine patrol leaders and nine assistant patrol leaders, two scribes, a quartermaster and a librarian.

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An old newspaper clipping gives an interetsing story which I thought one day might be investigated for a more complete feature story, but as time seems to be short, I'll pass on the item to some one who might like to dig into it on his own account. It is about a silver mine in the town of Wilmington, and the news article may be found in the Lowell Morning Times of April 18, 1891, which refers to a previous story in the Herald. It is headed "A Silver Craze at Wilmington," and says that there was great excitement over the discovery of silver ore which was assayed by a Boston expert to be worth $90 per ton. Gold and mica were also unearthed, and it was estimated that the 80 acres of land acquired by a Boston syndicate in Wilmington was worth at least a million dollars.

The deposits were found as follows: "George M. Paul, foreman of the Boston & Maine freight houses in Boston, was the discoverer of deposits ni the dried-up bed of the Middlesex canal. Mr. Paul is something of a mineralogist, and finding what he supposed to be silver imbedded in quartz, took specimens to a Boston assayer." The samples were adjudged "simon-pure."

According to this article, Wilmington Centre must now be built on silver. The site of the mines was designated as almost opposite the railroad station at the intersection of Burlington avenue, a portion of them being in the bed of the old canal.

The thrilling news of the silver discovery led to the assumption by townspeople that, since much gravel had been dug at this location by the highway department, then the streets of Wilmington must be paved with precious metals.

The property belonged to Mrs. Harriet Ames and her son, Joseph, who sold it to a rubber manufacturer for $1150. A factory was to have been built there, but the plans were given up.

A company was being formed to work the Wilmington mines, with a capital of $300,000, but whether or not actual work was started is not told in the article I read.

The item left off with the news that the holders of the property were much worried over the very suspicious actions of two men who prowled about the site and a guard was posted all night to prevent thefts and depredations.

Wonder if the Joseph Ames referred to was the man of that name who died a few months ago in Wilmington? I once interviewed him and wrote a short article about his life and his recollections of family and the old canal, but he did not mention a silver mine, nor even a "fake" silver mine in the town.

It does not seem probable that a million dollars was forgotten by residents of Wilmington only 50 years ago. Any one know the answer to the mystery?

And, speaking of mysteries, I had another one on tap which I had hoped to write about. I can't give it away, because it does not belong to me, but a certain resident in one of our county towns was, and still is, I suppose, going to open up a tomb in his yard. Years ago it was the burying place of, some say, 14 residents of the small community. Just whose bodies were in it would make an interesting historical discovery, I am told. The catch to it is that the man who now owns the property, and would like to make his back yard less of a gloomy cemetery, would have to buy cemetery lots for the bodies and get permission to have them removed. According to last reports, he intended to swing open the old metal door in a few weeks. It might make a good photograph, but not every one would care to look at it.

Opening a tomb is a spooky business. A Lowell man tells me that some years ago children got into an old tomb near a busy street and created a scandal by using the bones as drumsticks, beating out a tattoo on the sidewalk.

If you like this kind of story, read Edgar Allan Poe's "Premature Burial," of true-sounding cases in which people were buried alive.

Persistent rumors, some of them quite dramatic, finally sent County Rambler and a friend the other afternoon to investigate the "mammoth" cave in Wilmington. We found neither Capt. Kidd's treasure nor a respectable skeleton, although both are claimed to be waiting there.

This cave, about which many stories are told, is located in the northern section of the town on property near Andover street which now belongs to Donald Foster, superintendent of the Wilmington pumping station. Mr. Foster, when asked for permission to go "exploring" was willing but dubious. "Mythological," he commented, and perhaps he is right.

My friend and I, still hopeful of some kind of a discovery, located the cave opening in a rock ledge which towers 50 or 60 feet in back of the Swain's home in Andover street. An amateur geologist, my companion harked back to college text books for the first 20 minutes, insisting on tapping rocks and using long and highly technical words to tell me that the glacial ridge relic was not perfect. In fact, he found all sorts of "faults." Suspicious of the delay, I inquired whether he had crawled through as many caves as he had intimated when invited on this little trip. Well, no, but he had been within a few miles of Kentucky's Mammoth Caves, but had not the time to stop.

No caveman myself, I turned aside his presumptuous retaliatory queries of my own ability by quoting liberally from "Underground New England." Pressed for facts, I had to admit my experience was limited to Dungeon Rock, in the Lynn woods, Devil's Den, near near Wolfeboro, N. H., and the small caves in the boulder field at Carter Notch, in the White Mountains.

Of course, all this took up a lot of time, and we stood there glancing at the narrow opening half way up the cliff. We were novices, all right, we hadn't even brought a flashlight. Well, we didn't exactly need one after all. Mr. Foster was right. At one time the cave may have been extensive, but now its secrets, if any, are well sealed up.

With a rolled-up newspaper as a torch, we took turns crawling on our stomachs a few feet into the hole. Inside, the narrow corridor took a turn to the left.... and then ended. The whole thing was a mere 15 feet long. There were indications, however, that the tunnel may have extended farther, perhaps to the distance of more than 100 feet, as legend has it. Again the geologist companion offered technical testimony, and substantiated it by climbing to the top of the ridge and pointing out the direction of "faults" in the ledge. That, he averred, was the course right along there, and very probably the tunnel followed its underground length, originally, and was sealed by a later earth upheaval.

So we found none of the ancient carvings supposed to exist on the inner walls, none of the Indian relics which are said to abound there, no chests of gold and precious stones left by the ubiquitous Capt. Kidd....nothing but clusters of evil looking red spiders.

Rambling back through North Wilmington, we noticed a stone near the tannery which evidently had a tablet affixed to it at one time. Know what it said? All that was there when we saw it was the scribbled pencil notation to "Call this number." Perhaps that party has the tablet and will be glad to read it to interested callers.

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OUR EDITORIAL objections of some years ago to making Lowell the Chicago of the East, through location of meat packing establishments on the Concord river, seem to me to have been justified as I read in the Wilmington News an account of the fuss made by the town's people over the odors from a packing company recently located in their midst. This is, I assume, a comparatively small enterprise, not a huge area of activities such as might, but for local opposition, have been developed within smelling distance of the best parts of Lowell. I see that the Wilmington selectmen have given the firm complained of an ultimatum, either to improve conditions at their plant or go somewhere else. "This is called a packing company," said one of the complainants at the hearing, "but the odor is worse than from a pig pen. The presence of 'blow flies' in that neighborhood is nearly as objectionable a result of the coming of the factory as the odor." A lady complainant said among things that the odors this spring have been terrible, and that her son-in-law, visiting her for a few hours, could not eat the nice Easter Sunday dinner she had prepared. Still another objector told how an "awful odor of rotten fish" has pervaded the whole neighborhood. From the testimony offered at the hearing I cannot see how the Wilmington selectmen could do otherwise than issue their ultimatum.

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It is a problem, withal, just where we are to locate such enterprises as pig-raising and meat-packing. I have already commented on the row at Lexington over piggeries alleged to affect unfavorably the residential districts of a fast growing suburb. Conservation of resources meantime, urges us to raise at least a small portion of the meat consumed in this territory whose garbage buckets furnish so copious a fodder for swine. If, furthermore, we have pigs and other food-making animals we must have packing establishments to prepare the meat products for the market. I don't like to see state commissions multiplied but I should suppose a survey ought to be made of the territory around Boston and possibly certain zones fixed in which under state law no piggeries or packeries can be placed.

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It likewise occurs to one interested in the project for a playground belt semi-circling the Hub from Duxbury Beach to Salisbury, and cutting through territory in Billerica and Wilmington, that pig islands might be established, sections surrounded by forested areas, on which private ownership could exploit its pigs ad lib. Even if passing motorists got whiffs from the piggery that would be a minor matter compared with the exasperations of a whole neighborhood of suburbanites who find the value of their equities reduced because of smells from nearby swine.

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Having some months ago urged upon our Wilmington readers not to Bostonize but to begin now to get ready for an adequate spectacular and dignified celebration in 1930 of the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Wilmington I have read with some disappointment a paragraph in a communication by Susan T. Esler, alert Wilmington realtor, in which she says: "At the town meeting on Monday, April 15, the chairman of the board of selectmen reported that he has called two meetings of the citizens with no response."

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Set off from Billerica two centuries ago, having honorable Revolutionary and subsequent records, surely Wilmington ought to have citizens who will respond to the opportunities of such a celebration as has been proposed. I must hope that Mrs. Esler's letter will start something. She writes:

"If every organization in the town at its next regular meeting would appoint a committee of five members to be known as the 'anniversary committee' a start at least would be made in furthering the observance of the anniversary. These several committees could meet together in the near future and appoint a permanent anniversary committee to act with the selectmen in executing plans for the celebration. If the citizens only get started early enough great things can be accomplished. The early history of Wilmington could play a very interesting part in the celebration. We might be able to dedicate a park or playground. Perhaps we have o citizens who are interested in movement who could offer bet suggestions, but at any rate let get started."

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Many of the people now resident in Wilmington are new-comers to this country. I personally remember when a few Italians with their own hands built their homes just south of Silver Lake. Their colony has grown fast in the past quarter century. The piney woods, too, north of Silver Lake, where we used to pick lady-slippers in May and early June, now shelter a lot of camps, and there is a house at every 100 yards along the Shawsheen, so isolated and woodsy when Charles M. Cox and I canoed on it in the first decade of this century. These many new residents of Wilmington are agreeable people when you come to know them, and I should think that the representatives of the older families of the town would want us to use the celebration as a means of acquainting their newest neighbors with the picturesque traditions of the town in which they have settled. I don't like the kind of Americanization that is rammed down people's throats but, as practically everybody enjoys celebrations and pageantry here is a chance, in 1930, to make the Slavs and Italians who have moved into Wilmington feel that at least they belong to the town's third century, about to begin.

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The Fast Day sermon preached here on the 7th of April last, invited the people to inquire into "the best ways of promoting the highest interests of our town." Naturally the question came, "Where shall we begin? We want to begin at the bottom, at the real foundation; where is that?" And the answer given was: "It is in religion, and can be nowhere else."

The sermon then endeavored to show the practicability, and the duty, of a universal church going, even in a place like this, where there is but one church.

The discourse concluded with reminding the people of the significance of the day:—that it admonishes every man that lives a sinner before God; that it becomes him to be gentle-hearted toward every one of his fellow citizens, for they, also, are sinners like himself;—that they should remember this gentleness always, in all their dealings; and that any man's misfortune, is also the misfortune of all; that a fast-day that is full of the spirit of neighborly kindness, is the one that God will bless; and that the town whose inhabitants seek first the Kingdom of God, will find "other things added" to those it now enjoys.

As a good many people, in Wilmington, as elsewhere, are not regular church goers, the pastor invited the citizens to meet to consider the subject treated of in the sermon. It is a busy season, and no large gathering was expected, but there was enough there for a pleasant meeting, at the town hall, last Saturday evening.

The pastor, Rev. D. P. Noyes opened the meeting with some familiar remarks, and then, about an hour and a half were occupied with a free exchange of views. Among other speakers were Deacons Manning and Sh-

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don, Lemuel C. Eames, and others, in full and hearty sympathy the views expressed by Mr. Noyes.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' Club at their last meeting, voted to hold their annual fair at such time in September as the executive committee may determine, and that they offer premiums to an amount not exceeding $200. Some changes have been made in the premium list, of which more hereafter. Misses Anna T. Sheldon, Lizzie Sheldon and Carrie M. Swain were present and favored the club with a song, which gave excellent satisfaction.

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A second entertainment was given at Ames' Hall, last Friday night, by Mrs. F. J. Stetson, of Boston, and Mr. Joseph N. Ames, of this town. It being just after the recent snow storm the streets were in a heavy condition. In consequence, the audience was small. A large number of disappointed persons bestowed unhappy comments on "Old Prob." and deprecated the white element which had come so unseasonably and like an uninvited guest. The programme consisted of numerous recitations by Mrs. Stetson, and the representation by that lady and Mr. Ames, of a scene from "Fazios," and also a scene from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," all of which were well performed. Mrs. S. exhibits a natural talent which may justly be called genius. It has already given her a wide reputation as an elocutionist, and our favorable criticism could hardly add anything to it. But as an actress her powers are not so marked, perhaps because she is less practiced in the latter art. Mr. Ames is comparatively a beginner. He has not so great an aptitude for the stage as some, but has enough talent to win for him a not unenviable degree of success, when combined with persistence and interest in study. Mr. Ames exceeded the expectations of those present.

A concert was given last Monday evening in the vestry of the church by Mr. Russell, of Goffstown, N. H., who is blind. It consisted of quite a variety of pieces, and was especially pleasing to the children, while some of the older folks seemed to be well entertained.

FIRES.—On Wednesday about ten acres of pasture and wood land belonging to Leonard C. Eames, was burned over and about the same time one-half acre owned by Joshua Gowing's heirs was burned over. Both fires were supposed to have been set by a tramp.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' Club have appointed a committee to set out ornamental trees in the centre of the town. We hope the committee will act promptly, and if they need help call on the members of the club, who we doubt not will gladly respond. The club at their last meeting voted to pay one-half the expenses of a new stove, as the ladies of the Congregational society are soon to purchase one for use in the vestry.

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On the 5th of November the old depot at this place was destroyed by fire, endangering much of the surrounding property, which was saved, however, through the timely assistance and well-directed efforts of the neighbors and residents of the town. With a grateful appreciation for services rendered, Mrs. Harriot G. Ames, a large property owner, and Mr. C. E. Hudson, the prominent merchant of the place, gave an oyster supper last Thursday evening in Ames hall, not less than 150 people being present. During the evening pertinent and forcible addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Harmon and Rev. Mr. Thurston, two of the local clergymen of the place, relative to the necessity of increased facilities for controlling future conflagrations. Several piano forte selections were also played during the evening, and the occasion generally was one of great social pleasure and interest, well calculated to promote that harmony of sentiment and good feeling which so materially and favorably affect the growth and prosperity of this lively and enterprising little village.

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On Saturday evening as Mr. Z. T. White and family were riding near the Lowell depot, their team collided with a wood wagon, overturning the carriage and badly smashing it. Luckily no one was hurt.

On Tuesday, Harry, young son of H. E. Eames, had the misfortune to fall and break his leg, while playing at school. His schoolmates carried him into the schoolroom and cared for him until his father arrived. Dr. Dow of Reading attended him.

The Wilmington band played at Ballardvale on Monday evening and gave good satisfaction. They were assisted by T. Marrinan of Woburn.

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The explosion of the Powder Mills at South Acton Tuesday morning; was felt very perceptably at this place.

We understand that the charter for the Mystic Valley railroad (narrow guage) has been obtained, and a change from the original route is talked of, as many of the citizens of the East District want it to run to the Boston & Maine at Carter's crossing.

The Farmers and Mechanics Club meet this evening.

The Choral Union meet this evening.

One of the pleasantest incidents of our recent town meeting was the presence of five aged men, all natives of the town. We give their names for the benefit of former residents of the town. Joseph Gowing, 87; James Gowing, 84; Joshua Gowing, 82; Jonathan Buck, 82; Benjamin Buck, 80. Joseph Gowing went to New Hampshire on Monday of this week for the purpose of voting on Tuesday and returned Thursday. Mr. Gowing is spending the winter with his daughter Mrs. Henry Sheldon and is in good health. Is it any wonder that New Hampshire is the best governed state in the Union when men of Mr. Gowing's age take such interest in her elections?

WILMINGTON.—Our town meeting on Tuesday was a very quiet one. The vote was the smallest for many years. The vote for Governor was as follows: John D. Long, 39; Chas. P. Thompson, 18; Israel W. Andrews, 8. The balance of the respective tickets received the same relative vote—*no scratching* this year.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Carter, celebrated their wooden wedding on Monday evening of last week. Their friends assembled in large numbers and a merry time was enjoyed by all. The presents of wooden ware were very pretty.

The list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen was accepted with one exception, another name being substituted by the meeting.

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The Farmers and Mechanics' Club held their regular meeting at the Town Hall on Saturday evening, April 2d. Mr. J. W. Manning, of Reading, gave a very interesting and instructive address on "Fruit Culture." Mr. Manning's address was of a practical, rather than theoretical character, and was just what the Wilmington farmers ought to carry into practice. He spoke highly of the Baldwin apple, and thought it the best apple for Wilmington farmers to raise. In order to succeed in the cultivation of fruit, as in other things, it requires close application and careful attention to do the right thing at the right time. In short, a sort of consecration to the work in the love of what may be produced.

Two specimens of the Baldwin apple were shown, one of which grew within forty rods of the site of the original tree, the other in the east part of the town. At the close of the meeting the apples were tested, but we found that opinions differed as to their respective merits.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Manning was unanimously adopted.

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Frank H. Eames a graduate of our High School, class of 1879, entered Phillips Academy, Andover, Sept. 6th. for a two years' course of study.

☞ Charles Swain of Wilmington, has shown us a fine bunch of peanuts of his own raising. They are large, perfect and well ripened.

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Rev. Daniel P. Noyes of Byfield is supplying the pulpit of the Congregational Church of this town, and with such general acceptance that the society are considering the feasibility of of extending him a call to settle over them as their pastor.

During the severe thunder storm of Tuesday afternoon the residence of N. Bradley Eames, Esq., situated in the east part of the town, was struck by lightning and damaged to the extent of upwards of $100. Mrs. Eames, who was reclining on a lounge at the time, was stunned, although sustaining no injuries of a permanent nature so far as your correspondent is able to learn at the present writing.

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At the Town Meeting, held July 3d, it was voted, after considerable discussion, to continue the present suit against Mrs. L. J. Blaisdell and give her one month in which to settle the damage caused by her in trespassing on the Old Cemetery by removing the fence around it and fencing in the "Receiving Tomb" and otherwise injuring the town. The Selectmen were authorized to institute another writ at the end of that time in case of her refusing to settle the damage already done. It was also voted to instruct the Selectmen to advertise for sealed proposals to build the road from Horatio N. Eames' house to Woburn line, known as "Sawpit Woods Lane," and already laid out by the County Commissioners, contrary to the wish of the people generally in this town and in Woburn also.

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Wilmington Woman Chosen On "Good Neighbor" Breneman's Radio Program

The great listening audiences of Radio Station WLAW have elected Mrs. Susan Larsen of 184 Glen road, Wilmington, Mass., to the honor of being the best "Good Neighbor" in this vast industrial New England area and as a result the modest woman from the small town was on June 18 the central figure in a national network program of "Breakfast in Hollywood."

The salute to Mrs. Larsen by Tom Breneman on his famous program was give nthis Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Millions of people from coast to coast were lisening in when the "good neighbor" activities of the modest Wilmington housewife were accorded this national recognition. Tom Breneman, in his inimitable "Breakfast in Hollywood" style told the world of the fine humanitarian qualities of WLAW's best "Good Neighbor."

When "Breakfast in Hollywood" became a regular WLAW feature with the recent joining up of the station with the Blue Network, American Broadcasting Company, Tom Breneman asked for the name of the best "Good Neighbor" in this great area. WLAW asked for letters from its listeners electing candidates for the honor. Many fine letters were received but the one written about Mrs. Larsen by her neighbor, Mrs. Catherine Joyce of the same town, won the honor for the most beloved woman in Wilmington. Those who listened in Monday morning learned just why Mrs. Larsen was chosen for the honor.

A special and extra honor for Mrs. Larsen was planned by the management of Station WLAW for evening of June 18 at 8:00 o'clock when the best "Good Neighbor" and her sponsor, Mrs. Joyce, was the central figures in a special broadcast that was well worth listening in on. There were big surprises on this special WLAW program for Mrs. Larsen and Mrs. Joyce and for all in the great army of listeners. WLAW, 680 on the dial, paid just tribute to the Wilmington woman "with the big heart."

The outstanding of the "good neighbor" qualities which won for Mrs. Larsen the title and the honor, is best described by a quotaiton from the letter from the greatest of her many admirers, Mrs. Joyce.

"Three days before Christmas last year, 1944, a fire broke out at four A. M. and completely destroyed the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Alphee Lombard of Wilmington, Mass. The two youngest of four children lost their lives in the fire. Not a thing was salvaged. Even the eye glasses of both Mr. and Mrs. Lombard were lost.

The Lombard family was rendered destitute and hopeless because of the fire, until Mrs. Larsen heard about it that very morning. While the Lombards were temporarily housed by a neighbor, Mrs. Larsen gathered clothing, furniture and food. She also got an apartment ad even eyes glasses for both. She raised a fund of $543.00 for the stricken family."

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Honor Louis McMahon; HNS Installs Officers

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, June 11—One of Wilmington's best known citizens, Mr. Louis T. McMahon of 168 Middlesex avenue, was feted Wednesday night at Legion hall by the Wilmington Legion Post 136 and hundreds of guests and members. Mr. McMahon, always active in affairs of the town to foster its betterment and progress, was past chairman of the Wilmington draft board, a member of the rehabilitation committee, served as a member of the water commission for 17 years, Wilmington cemetery chairman, and a library trustee for many years.

Michael Barry of Fitz terrace was toastmaster and introduced American Legion Commander Bernard McMahon, who presented Mr. McMahon with the American Legion Meritorious Service medal. Mr. McMahon also was presented with a fine armchair.

A catered dinner given in Mr. McMahon's honor, was served to 175 people. Guest speakers for the evening included Calib Harriman, Rev. George S. Brennan, Rev. Otis Maxfield, Rev. Francis McInerney and E. B. Perkins, who all spoke at length on the many attributes of Mr. McMahon, his public and civic mindedness, and the fact that he was an all-around top citizen of the town.

An evening of good entertainment was enjoyed at the testimonial with songs by Jeremiah Shea, assisted by Emil O'Brien at the piano. Bob Wilson amused the many guests with card and magic tricks, and Danny Watkins rounded out an enjoyable evening with humorous stories

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Wilmington Woman Praised On 4-H Work

The following item regarding Miss Henrietta Swain, 4-H Town chairman of Wilmington appeared in the Middlesex County Bulletin. It shows how much Miss Swain's work is thought of in Middlesex county.

Miss Swain, is well on her way toward attaining the pearl-studded National Leadership pin for twenty years of service in the 4-H Club work. Next spring she will have completed 18 years as local leader and 4-H town chairman. She was leader of the "True Blue" Food club for seven years.

Miss Swain has served as one of the outstanding town chairmen in the county since 1936. She has attended whenever possible, state, county, sectional, and local conferences in order to keep herself informed on all policies pertaining to club work. Since 1936 she has intelligently directed the leadership of some 82 clubs in Wilmington. Seldom does one of the Wilmington clubs fail to "come through." Miss Swain gives generously of her time in finding and assisting new leaders. Her town committee meetings are a joy to county club agents, so carefully is her work organized. The meeting proceeds in an efficient manner and not a detail is omitted from reading the treasurer's report. An important member of the town committee is the local publicity chairman. From the balance in the treasury is determined the number of club members to be rewarded by part expenses paid to camp. The committee decides on the club members to receive financial aid. Admission fees, food sales and candy sales sponsored by the committee on exhibit night have sometimes amounted to as much as $20.00. Last year 32 club members from Wilmington attended county camp. With the business meeting adjourned there follows a cheery cup of tea by the fireside, or a refreshing glass of lemonade on the lawn. The Swain sisters are renowned for their hospitality!

With the accuracy and percision of an ex-school teacher, Miss Swain plans a schedule for the club agents on their one day a month visit to Wilmington. On November 18th, she wrote, "At last I think all leaders have bene contacted and I have planned this schedule, if it meets with your approval, for November 30th.' Then follows a series of appointments at 1-2 to 1 hour intervals with local leaders who have been primed to have ready any questions or help needed from the agents on that day. Sometimes the town chairman herself accompanies the agents making home visits on the leaders or club members.

The Wilmington 4-H Exhibition is always one of the very finest in the country. Every table has to be arranged and every article in place by 4 o'clock ready to be judged. Then Miss Swain "shoos" all the youngsters out and the club agents may make their decisions in peace and quiet from 4 p. m. until 6:30. A ten cent admission is charged for the evening program which starts promptly at 7:30. The hall is well filled with interested parents and friends. Miss Swain herself has charge of the program. Every club contributes, and this too has been carefully planned to avoid having the young people out too late.

Miss Swain takes pride in her 4-H scrap book containing clippings, programs, and pictures of the club work from 1826 to 1942. In busy life she has always found time to take an active part in the affairs of the church and community. Miss Swain was formerly principal of the Walker School. For forty five years she taugh the children of Wilmington. Hundreds of Wilmington citizens had principles of courtesy, as well as arithmetic and language implanted in their lives under her guidance. A frequent remark is "Yes, Mary comes from a fine family, I had her in school and her father too."

During the last year of his life in 1941, State Leader, George L. Farley, of Amherst, visited Miss Swain and commended her for her splendid record of accomplishment.

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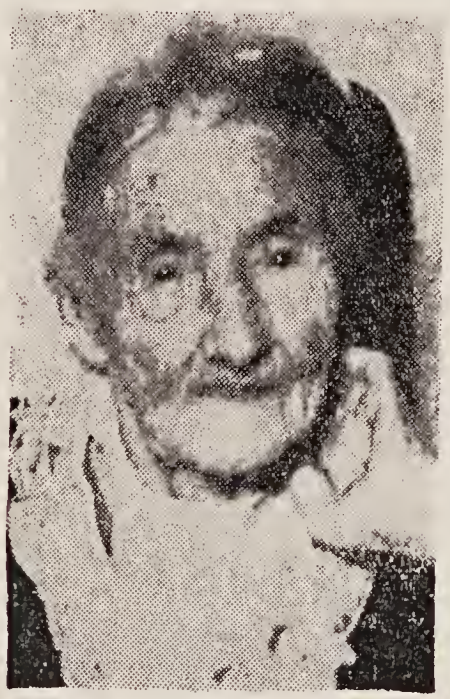
'Aunt Barbara' of Wilmington 100 Years Old

Oldest Resident Writes and Recites Poetry and Sews Rag Rugs — Saturday Reception Planned.

Mrs. Barbara Hume, oldest resident in Wilmington, one hundred years old today, still takes care of herself, writes and recites poetry and sews rag rugs for her friends. Her chief complaint is that she cannot get enough rags to keep her busy. She recently composed a poem of 12 stanzas,



MRS. BARBARA HUME.

basd on verses from the Bible, which she recites distinctly and without mistake. She lives with her niece, Mrs. Lillian Landers, at 80 Federal street.

She eame to the United States from Nova Scotia 30 years ago. She was born in Scotland and was brought to Canada at the age of four years, a trip, which then took seven weeks. She married in 1868 and had five daughters, four of whom died when very young, and the fifth at the age of 19. She was widowed in 1883.

"Aunt Barbara," as she is called by all her neighbors and friends, does not drink nor smoke and has never attended motion pictures. She has been an active Christian worker for 62 years and her chief amusements have been singing and reading the Bible. When asked to what she attributed her long life, she said, "I've always been a worker, I'm very active." She said a hundred years did not seem very long. She hears with little difficulty, uses glasses only for sewing and writing.

"Aunt Barbara" will be at home to local friends today, and on Saturday will be given a reception at the Gospel Hall, 24 Cliff street, Roxbury.

A REMARKABLE WOMAN.

The Useful Career of Miss Susan Walker—Her Work for the Freedmen.

The death of Miss Susan Walker, which occurred in Washington, D. C., on the 13th inst., has removed from earth a lady who, through her somewhat remarkable career of life, her interest and activity in the political and educational questions which were prominent in the country's agitation, a quarter of a century ago, has attached her name and fame, and rendered herself in no small degree conspicuous for her many eminent traits of character and brilliant successes in the line of duty which she early marked out to pursue.

Miss Walker was born in Wilmington, Mass., February 14, 1811, and was the daughter of Benjamin and Susannah Walker of that town. She was a sister of the late Benjamin Walker, one of the early settlers of the city of Lowell, and active in both its town and city affairs, being for several successive years a selectman, and also a member of the first board of aldermen when Lowell became a city.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune pays the following tribute to Miss Walker's memory: Miss Susan Walker is dead, and yesterday she was buried with something of civic honors. She was so celebrated as philanthropist, politician, mathematician, and "strong-minded" woman in the best sense of that somewhat overworked phrase, that her friends in the Unitarian church were joined by pall-bearers assigned from the different departments—S. I. Kimball, superintendent of the life-saving service; A. B. Johnson, chief clerk of the lighthouse board; Dr. C. A. White, chief paleontologist of the Smithsonian Institute, and Prof. Henry Garnett, head of the topographical corps of the geological survey. Her life was a romance and her death a tragedy. A highly-educated young woman from Massachusetts, a fervent abolitionist, and of a highly respectable family, she early made the acquaintance of public men and became known as an influential partisan, and an associate of Sumner, Andrew, Phillips, Garrison, and Greeley. In 1848, in Paris, she occupied the first floor of a hotel where Senator Sumner in the *entresol* was undergoing the terrible treatment of *moxa* for the injuries received from Preston L. Brooks, and she made herself his constant and useful companion. At the beginning of the war she came to this city, and subsequently established what is now known as "Brewster Cottage," in the Le Droit Park suburb, although originally a colored female industrial school, which was under Miss Walker's charge, averaging not less than 70 pupils. There also many important conferences were held in relation to the policy of caring for and educating freed women.

Miss Walker was, for years, employed by the coast survey office, then under charge of her brother, Sears Cook Walker, as a mathematical expert, making computations of an elaborate and difficult character. A fact which will interest the average reader is that Salmon P. Chase thrice offered her his hand—once when in the Senate, again when secretary of the treasury department, and finally when he was at the head of the supreme bench. Although it was Miss Walker's decision to preserve a Platonic acquaintance with this distinguished gentleman, who had already been thrice married, she and Miss Kate Chase, a daughter of Mr. Chase, have always been warm and mutually helpful friends.

During the war Miss Walker was well known as a leader in the care of soldiers and the education of the freedmen. Several of the measures providing for the latter owe their success directly to her. Sumner, Seward, Chase, Wade, Stanton, Hale, Lovejoy and Colfax were among her chief advisers and with whom she held frequent consultations.

Miss Walker's next birthday would have been the seventy-seventh. The immediate cause of her death was the recent defalcation of Charles Kebler in Cincinnati, by which her fortune was mainly squandered. Another brother was Judge Timothy Walker, of Cincinnati, an eminent lawyer and author of "Walker's Introduction to American Law." Kebler was the son of a former law partner of Timothy Walker, who at the death of his father, John Kebler, assumed his business and his trusts. When Miss Walker heard, two weeks since, that Charles Kebler had wasted all her money, driven Antioch college to the verge of ruin, and then committed suicide, her heroic spirit broke down and she took to her bed never to rise. Her friends assured her that she should never need, but her independent position was gone and she hastened to her death. She was a woman of somewhat masculine appearance, with a large frame, dominated by a powerful intellect, and unusually quick sympathies.

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WILMINGTON, May 17—Mrs. Jeremiah Doucette of Ballardvale street, who celebrated her 100th birthday last fall, fell and broke her hip Saturday. She was taken to St. John's hospital in Lowell for X-rays and was then brought back to her home, where she is resting comfortably. A native of Nova Scotia, Mrs. Doucette has been a resident of Wilmington for the past 74 years.

Wilmington Woman Dies in 101st Year

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, July 17—Mrs. Anne Dometille Doucette of Ballardvale street, born a century ago in Nova Scotia, died Thursday night at her home. She would have been 101 years old on Oct. 14. A resident of Wilmington for the past 74 years, Mrs. Doucette is survived by eight children, 30 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Three daughters, Miss Alice, Miss M. Lena, and Mrs. Emily Surette, and a son, Louis, were living with their mother at the time of her death. Another son, William, is also a resident of Wilmington. There are three other sons, Bernard F. of Melrose, Joseph E. of Wollaston and J. Ellis of North Reading. A solemn high funeral mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock Monday morning at St. Thomas' church by Rev. James M. Daley, and burial will take place in Wildwood cemetery.

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One of the most interesting old people of our town is Mrs. Phoebe Nichols, familiarly known to all as "Aunt Phoebe." She will be 89 years old on August 27. Her memory is keen and she often speaks of the great improvements during her day. In her younger day when she visited Boston it was by means of the canal boat, then running through the town; later came the wonderful steam train. She has enjoyed several rides on the electric, and last Saturday was the greatest day of her life, when she was taken out for a spin, by one of our summer residents, Mr. Robbins of Silver Lake, in his fine automobile. She said she just enjoyed it, it rode so easy.

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WORK A PLEASURE, BOOKS A RECREATION

At 86, Mrs Mary A. Carter Is Placid and Content

WILMINGTON., Dec 11—Mrs Mary Ames Carter of Shawsheen av rounded out fourscore and six years today, and the anniversary found her hale and hearty, able and willing to do her own housework and manage her business affairs, every sense acute and a mind stored with reminiscences of the town in which she was born Dec 11, 1832. Mrs Carter is fond of the old town that was set off from its parent Woburn in 1730.

MRS MARY A. CARTER.

She was the daughter of William and Sarah (Day) Ames and on her father's side was a descendant of one of the group of old settlers notable among whom were, beside the Carters, the Gowings, the Boutwells, the Jacques, the Eames, the Bucks and the Thompsons. The genealogy of these pioneers is a familiar story to this white-haired woman, who granted an hour to a Globe representative today, and to whom she chatted freely of her memories as if the events happened yesterday.

Mrs Carter's husband, Edward A. Carter, died in 1908, and since that time from choice she has retained her home, because, as she said, "I like work. It takes up my time and chases away all feelings of loneliness. When I wish a change I turn to my books" and she pointed to a generous collection of volumes, in which prose and poetry of standard quality mingled.

26 Years in Her Present Home

And she keeps in touch with current events by daily perusal of newspapers. She has three sons, whose weekly visits she anticipates and enjoys heartily. One of them is Capt Eugene A. Carter of the Somerville Police Department, another is attached to the same force and a third is employed in secretarial work with the subway management, Boston.

Mrs Carter's present home that she has lived in 26 years is near the site of the old Middlesex Canal, the inland waterway that for years was a picturesque feature, and the main artery of trade in Middlesex County. Opposite her home is the house, formerly occupied by the late Robert H. Gowing, that stands on the site of the old canal lock. Within 200 yards is a wide-stretching house on the bank of the old waterway, and in which Mrs Carter lived 68 years ago, when she was a girl of 18.

In 1850 and 1851 the canal was feeling severely the competition caused by the newly-built Boston & Lowell Railroad and the packet boats for passengers had been abandoned, but the management clung to the enterprise that in the past had proved lucrative, but were confining its operations to freight uses. The boats still passed up and down the winding course, halted only by the several locks, carrying lumber from the north, and loading with coal for Middlesex Village near Lowell on the return trips.

Placid and Content

Mrs Carter's home at that time was a canal side hostelry, where the boatmen fed while their unwieldy craft were being worked through the nearby lock, and it was the duty of Mrs Carter and her sisters to provide and serve the food. The sounding of a horn told of the boat's approach and whatever the hour the food must be ready for the ravenous crew. She recalls that the men were paid $1 a day as a maximum wage, and that the price of the meal was 25 cents, "and a good substantial meal it was too," she added. Mrs Carter herself never traveled by canal boat, but she remembers her mother's description of such experiences. She is a firm believer in the canal system as a reducer of the cost of necessities, and cherishes the hope that the old method may be resurrected.

At the age of 86 this woman is placid and content, tolerant of the opinions and belief of others, meeting each day's duties as they come, working every day because she likes it, and finding mental refreshment in her library.

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OVER 300 ATTEND FAREWELL RECEPTION TO REV. FR. McGOOHAN

Over three hundred townspeople gathered at Grange Hall on Sunday evening to formally say goodbye to Rev. James J. McGoohan, assistant pastor of St. Thomas and St. Anthony churches.

Louis T. McMahon was Master of Ceremonies and introduced as the evening's first speaker, Rev. Andrew J. White, pastor of the church, who spoke on Rev. Fr. McGoohan's fine qualities and the work he has accomplished in the parish.

The next speaker, Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, also spoke on his qualities and on his acquaintances with him during the past four and a half years.

Rev. Arthur A. Simmons former pastor of the local Congregational Church and at present pastor of the Charlemont Church, sent a telegram expressing his regrets at not being able to attend, and wishing Rev. Fr. McGoohan the best of luck.

Mr. McMahon then introduced Coach Harold Driscoll, who spoke on the help and inspiration Father McGoohan had given the younger folk of Wilmington, and expressed his regrets at his going. Coach Driscoll then presented him with a picture of the football squad in their behalf.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a gift to Rev. McGoohan, by Mr. McMahon in behalf of the townspeople.

Father McGoohan then spoke of how he was attaining ambition in his appointment, and told something of his new work.

Following the speaking, an original song titled "If You Could Only Stay Here", composed for the occasion by Mrs. Paul Chisholm, was sung by Mrs. Frank Gallagher and daughter Ethel, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Chisholm.

At the close of the program all present met Rev. Fr. McGoohan individually, and wished him farewell.

Rev. McGoohan left on Wednesday for Langley Field, Virginia where, on Dec. 18th he will report for duty as chaplain in the U. S. Air Corps.

Gracious Ladies

By NATALIE GORDON

Community service is no new venture with Mrs. Herbert C. Barrows of Wilmington. . . . For 13 years she has served as chairman of the Wilmington branch of the Lowell Red Cross; for 20 years she has been chairman of the Wilmington Public Health Nursing Assn.; and for so many years that she can no longer recall the number, she has served as chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale in Wilmington for the N. E. Tuberculosis Assn. . . . She is a director of the Middlesex Health Assn., for which she is presently chairman of the Dr. Earle C. Willoughby Scholarship Fund, which provides courses in public health nursing, industrial nursing, or occupational therapy at a grade A school, with the proviso that the candidate devote two years of service to Middlesex County on completion of training. . . . Concerning her Red Cross activities, Mrs. Barrows has and is doing a staggering job in home service and is also keeping a weather eye on the Junior Red Cross, which gives school children, who formerly merely contributed the price of a Red Cross button, an opportunity to engage in constructive Red Cross work. . . . The former Nina Kincaid, Mrs. Barrows was born in Chelsea and spent her summers in Wilmington, where she now resides. . . . Of a social service turn of mind, she studied special courses in child psychology at Boston University, immediately following her graduation from high school; attended Hyannis Normal School, and taught in the Wilmington primary school until her marriage. . . . She now has a daughter who is a teacher, and a son who's also of a scholarly frame of mind. . . . Her home is a rambling and beautiful old farmhouse where her favorite relaxation is reading biographies. . . . She's a past-president of the Wilmington Women's Club and a deaconess in the Wilmington Methodist Church, where she's also a member of the Ladies Society. . . . Bracing and direct, she does an incredible amount of work and is an ardent and sincere rooter for the younger generation.

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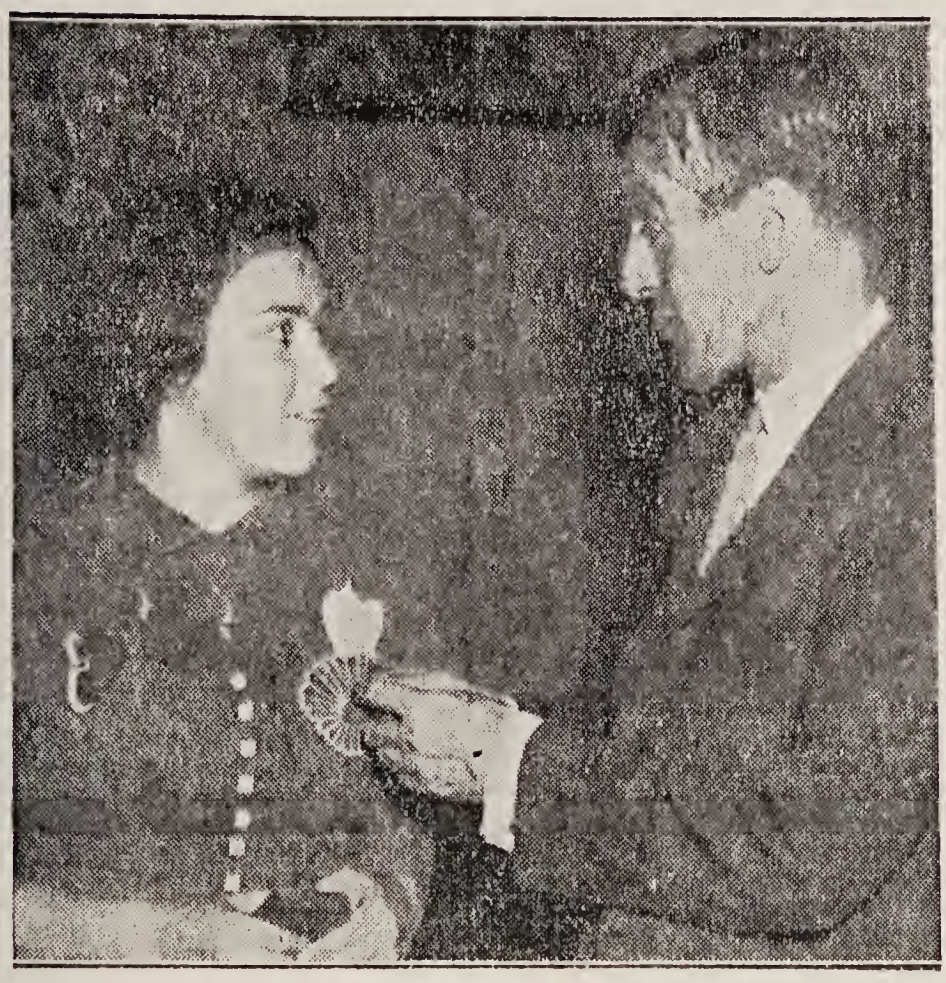
Young Wilmington Heroine Is Officially Recognized



Miss Kathleen Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce of Faulkner avenue, Wilmington, is shown being presented the Massachusetts Humane Society medal by Leverett W. Saltonstall, trustee of the society, in recognition of her heroism last March when she rescued two young boys from drowning at Silver Lake.

Wilmington, June 22.

Official recognition on the part of the town of the heroism of Miss Kathleen Joyce, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Joyce of Faulkner avenue, was made at a special town meeting held in Grange hall Tuesday evening when in the presence of her father and mother and the assembled townspeople, she was congratulated by the entire Board of Selectmen, Charles H. Black, chairman; Frederick J. MacQuaide and Frank W. Dayton. In addition she was presented a medal from the Massachusetts Humane Society by Leverett W. Saltonstall, trustee of the society, this medal being the highest medal given as a reward for such acts of heroism.

Rescue Recalled.

On March 21, 1938, Miss Joyce braved the icy waters of Silver Lake and saved the lives of two boys, Frederick Reynolds, aged 9 years, and Richard Gearty, aged 10, from drowning in the lake. These two boys had been playing on the shores of the lake when they discovered a raft nearby and decided to take a ride on it. As they boarded the raft and started from the shore, the raft became unmanageable and they were having difficulty keeping the same righted when their plight was discovered by Miss Joyce, who was riding by on her bicycle. After calling to the boys, young Reynolds decided to jump from the raft believing he could swim to shore, but as he had rubber boots on, he was unable to do so. After going down once he kicked off the boots and was going down for the second time when Miss Joyce pulled off her shoes and coat, and plunged in after the lad. Catching him by his sweater as he was going down she brought him safely to the shore. Wet and cold, there was still the other lad Gearty to be brought in, and after giving instructions for the lad to lay down flat on the raft and to paddle with his hands, he was able to reach the shore. The courage and coolness of head in an emergency of this young girl has already been recognized by Wilmington Post 136, A. L., when on April 19, 1938 she was presented a Legion Medallion by State Vice Cmdr. Richard Cunningham, of Boston in behalf of the local post and the state department American Legion, for her heroic service to the community.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies of the awarding of prizes to the winners of the Marathon Run, the local Post of the American Legion reached into the hat and pulled out a tremendous surprise, both to the citizens assembled there as well as to Miss Kathleen Joyce, when they awarded her the Legion Medallion for bravery.

This medallion was awarded to Miss Joyce for the brave and heroic action which she took when she saved from drowning Freddie Reynolds, age nine and when she quieted the fears of his companion and thus enabled him to safely negotiate his way to the shore.

Master Reynolds and his companion were playing on a raft at Silver Lake about sixty yards from the shore when the raft suddenly submerged at one end. Both boys immediately became panicy and young Reynolds jumped into the water and had already gone down for the first time when his plight was noticed by Miss Joyce. Without regard for her own personal danger, she cast off her shoes and fully dressed, jumped into the water and saved the life of the lad. Her quiet counsel to the other boy was instrumental in his bringing the raft safely to the shore.

The presentation of the award was made by Dept. Vice Commander Cunningham in behalf of the Legion. He congratulated Miss Joyce for the winning of the medallion and stated that he believed that she deserved greater honors.

In accordance with the statement of Commander Cunninham, this paper will inaugurate a drive to gain for Miss Joyce the Carnegie Medal. A certificate will be printed elsewhere in this paper. Just sign this certificate and mail it to the "Wilmington Mirror". These certificates will then be bound and sent wih a petition to the Carnegie Foundation.

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Wilmington Youths on 30,000 Mile Scientific Cruise

Lawrence and Harrison Sidelinker With Crane Scientists on Yacht Illyrir

Laurence T. and Harrison R. Sidelinker, two Wilmington young men, are enjoying a cruise with the Crane Scientists on the brigantine rigged yacht, Illyria, now in southern Pocific waters. Laurence Sidelinker who was a graduate of Massachusetts Nautical School last April was one of those selected to go over to Italy and return with the yacht which was built there for Cornelius Crane of Chicago, youthful millionaire son of Richard T. Crane, Jr.

Through him the younger Sidelinker boy, Harrison, then a pupil in Wilmington High School, was enabled to go also. Seldom is an opportunity offered to a high schol student to go on an expedition of this kind.

The expedition is officially named the Crane Pacific Expedition and included in its personnel are many noted scientists and artists. Mr. Crane is the head of the cruise and is a trustee of the Field Museum of Natural History of Chicago. Dr. Albert W. Herre, curator of the museum of Leland Stanford University, California; Karl P. Schmidt, assistant curator of the Field Museum; Dr. W. L. Moss of the Harvard Medical School, physician of the expedition; Sidney N. Heap of Churchstoke, Montgomeryshire, England; Frank C. Wonder, taxidermist of the Field Museum are some of the notable naturalists who will be aboard the Illyria during the cruise.

Walter A. Webster, renowed artist and naturalist, is also a member of the expedition. He will make color studies of fish taken from the deep waters where pressures and subdued light allow growth of brilliant pigmentations which fade rapidly when exposed to the light and air and it will be the task of Mr. Webster to paint them before they diminish.

Sydney Shurtleff of Boston, a motion picture photographer who is taking along photographic equipment for under water and still pictures will also be on the Illyria. He will be accompanied by Murray Fairbant of the Boston Airport.

Special effort will be made to find the world's only real "sea serpents," which are said to be poisonous marine snakes which are found only in the coral reefs of the East Indian waters. Specimens of gaint land tortoises and marine iguanas of Galapagos, gaint monitor lizards of Komodo, which resemble prehistoric monsters, will also be sought by the scientists.

Great importance is also attached to securing specimens of tree dwelling and night roving marsupials, lemurs and shrews from the islands visited.

Unusual birds to be collected are the flightless cormorant, the gaint cassowary of the Moluccas, the birds of paradise and the mound builders, large birds which lay their eggs in mounds of earth.

The cruise will probably consume from a year to 18 months. The Illyria was built particularly for this expedition and was designed by the designers of some of the largest and most expensive pleasure craft ever built. It is powered with a 300 h p Diesel engine.

The cruise will cover most of the comparatively unuknown islands of the Pacific and the coral reefs of East India. The first leg of the voyage was from Boston to Bermuda, Port-au-Prinse, thence through Panama Canal to Pearl Island in Bay of Panama. From there the ship goes into the Pacific to the Cocos, Gala, pagos, Marquesas and Society Islands; the Cook Tonga, Fiji and Solomon Islands to Port Moresby, New Guinea and the Moluccas.

After searches in the South Pacific the expedition will swing northwest to Menado, Celebos, British North Borneo, Dutch Islands of Komodo, Lambok Bali and Java, Singapore, Bangkok, Siam, Saigon, French Indo China. Visits to Canton Formosa, Shanghai and Japan will lead them up the coast of Asia before setting back across the North Pacific for a stop at the Aleutians and Shumagin Islands and a northernmost sail into the harbor of Anchorage, Alaska. The final leg of the cruise will cover the west coast of Canada and the United States and then a sail down to Panama and back up the east coast of the United States to a close a total cruise of about 30,000 miles at Boston.

Anyone wishing to communicate with Laurence or Harrison Sidelinker may do so by addressing them care of Crane Company, 836 South Michigan ave., Chicago. Ill.—Yacht Illyria.

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WILMINGTON SAFETY AWARD—Acting Chief Francis Hoban is shown with the plaque he received recently in Boston from the National Traffic Safety council at the second annual highway safety conference for no fatalities in the town of Wilmington in 1947.

HONOR WILMINGTON OFFICIAL — Frank L. Eames, retiring Wilmington town treasurer, was honored at the town meeting Monday night with the presentation of several gifts and an appointment as honorary life treasurer of the town. Harry R. Deming is shown presenting some of the gifts to Mr. Eames.

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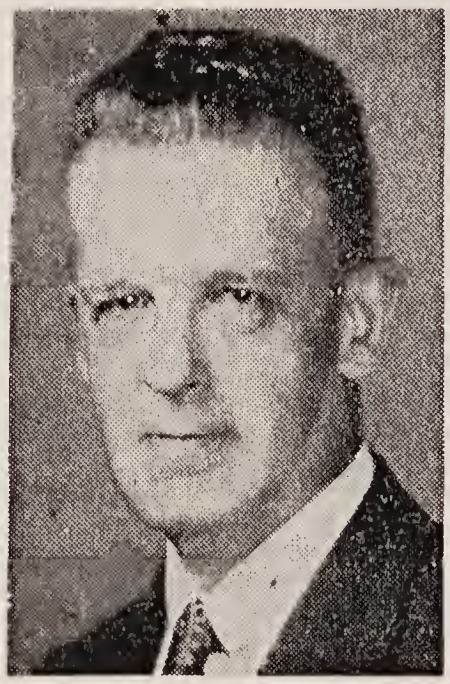
Wilmington H. S. Principal Active in Teacher Work

J. Turner Hood, Jr., Heads Drive for More State Aid for Schools of This State

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Feb. 26 — J. Turner Hood, Jr., principal of the Wilmington high school, is taking an active part in the drive for increased state aid for the public schools of Massachusetts He is chairman of the legislative committee of the Massachusetts Teachers federaation and in addition is a member of the special committee for state aid.



J. Turner Hood

Mr. Hood has devoted 11 years to working for the federation in its efforts to improve public education in Massachusetts and to better working conditions for teachers. He was a member of the salaries and statistics committee of the Massachusetts Teachers federation for six years and served as chairman of that committee for five years. In addition, Mr. Hood has been a director of the federation for five years and is endorsed by his local Teachers club for another three years term on the board. When one considers that the Massachusetts Teachers federation is composed of 20,000 teachers and that there are but 26 directors and further that but one of the 20,000 teachers can be appointed to the post of legislative agent, one realizes what great honors have come to a teacher in this town.

In his position as director of the federation, Mr. Hood, in consultation with the officers and other directors, formulates plans and policies for the work of the federation. As chairman of the legislative committee, he holds meetings of his committee to draft bills for desirable educational legislation and to study bills affecting the public schools and teachers that are introduced into the legislature by persons other than teachers.

Mr. Hood also appears before committees of the legislature to speak for bills supported for the Massachusetts Teachers Federation and to speak in opposition to bills detrimental to the best interests of the schools and teachers.

Mr. Hood received his elementary education in the state of Missouri, completed four years of high school in Illinois, received his AB degree in Michigan, and his master of education degree from Boston university where he was elected to membership in Phi Delta Kappa, the national educational fraternity. He has taught in Michigan, Wisconsin and now in Massachusetts work in 1921 as teacher, dean of boys, and acting sub-master of the Taunton high school. In 1924, he went to Hopkinton as high school principal and left there in 1928 to accept the principalship of the Wilmington high school.

Mr. Hood always has taken an active part in community activities. He was adjutant of Wilmington post, 136, American Legion on two occasions—serving altogether some 10 years. He was a member of the local Boy Scout committee for several years and has held, at one time or another, most of the lay offices in his church. During the last war, Mr. Hood was the chairman of civilian defense for Wilmington, re-employment committeeman for Draft Board 11 and chairman of the veterans advisory committee.

In 1917, Mr. Hood left his teaching work in Wisconsin to enter the armed forces of World War I. Upon his discharge from the Navy in 1919, he worked two years with a rubber company as an executive and accountant.

Mr. Hood returned to school

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Order Of Rainbow Formed In Wilmington

Seventeen Wilmington young women were initiated into the order of Rainbow Saturday evening at the Masonic apartments by a group from the Reading organization and Mrs. Lulu Gobrecht supreme inspector and deputy of Massachusetts Grand assembly and Grand assembly officers.

At 6:30 a dinner was served to about 150 members and guests. Dinner arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Hazel Odiorne and she was assisted by Mrs. A. C. Woodside, Mrs. Vival H Conway and committee. At 7:30 the meeting was opened by Mrs. Kathryn Gay, mother adviser of Reading Assembly No. 29, and a group of girls was initiated into the order by the officers of the Reading Assembly. After the initiation, the newly-elected officers were installed by the grand officers of the Massachusetts Grand assembly.

The girls installed are as follows: Worthy adviser, Shirley Bedell; associate worthy adviser Barbara Haynes; charity, Evelyn Nitchie; hope, Winifred Odiorne; faith, Jane Wilson; recorder, Hope Wilson; treasurer, Roberta Hadley; chaplain, Barbara Blaisdell; drill leader, Erdine Murray; color station, love, Priscilla Ware; religion, Florence Nitchie; nature, Eleanor Smith; immortality, Helen Lane; fidelity, Roberta Ware; patriotism, June Rice; service, Katherine Bischoff; confidential observer, Christine Swenson; outer observer, Barbara Lewis; color bearer, Julie Dayton; choir directoress, Eugenia Melzar.

Mrs. Miriam H. Ware was installed as mother adviser and also installed with her on the advisory board were Mrs. Vilma Bedell, secretary; Mrs. Edna F. Melzar, treasurer; Mrs. Ethel Buck, Mrs. Florence M Denner, Mrs. Myrtle Fletcher, James F. Hallett, Mrs. Edith H. Nitchie, Mrs. Hazel Odiorne and Ralph B. Odiorne.

An American flag was presented to the new assembly as a gift from the Reading assembly and the presentation was made by Worthy Adviser Jean Baker.

Many other gifts were given by friends and were asknowledged by James F. Hallet. Among the guests present were: Mrs. Ella Frazier, worthy grand matron; Harry Scrampton, worthy grand patron, O. E. S., of Massachusetts; officers of the Mass. Grand Assembly, officers and members of Reading assembly, No. 29; members of Order of Eastern Star and Masonic lodges. Remarks were made by the officers and guests.

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WILMINGTON RAINBOW ANNIVERSARY—Worthy Adviser Florence Spear is shown cutting the cake at the eighth anniversary observance of the Wilmington assembly, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, held recently at the Masonic hall. Also shown are, left to right: Mrs. Guy Nichols, Guy Nichols, Rainbow dad; Mrs. Elsa Simes, Mrs. Dorothy Darling, Rainbow mother, and Stanley Webber.

Rainbow Girls Install

The installation of officers for the Order of Rainbow for Girls of Wilmington Assembly, No. 52, took place at Masonic apartments Friday, Jan. 27. Preceding the installation, a bonnie supper was held, under the direction of Mrs. Bell and her committee.

Installing officers were as follows: Jean Adams, PWA, of Atlantic Assembly No. 54, and grand love; installing chaplain, Margery Bedell, PWA, of Wilmington Assembly; installing marshall, Lorraine Manson, JPWA, of Wilmington Assembly; installing recorder, Marjorie Wood, PWA, of Wilmington Assembly; installing soloist, Mrs. Sarah L. Vincent of Needham Assembly; installing musician, Mrs. Marjorie Emery, PM, of Acacia chapter, Wilmington.

Officers installed included the following: Worthy adviser, Florence Spear; worthy associate adviser, June Bell; charity, Audrey Irwin; hope, Norma J. White; faith, Beatrice Swenson; recorder, Barbara Darling; treasurer, Nancy Reid; chaplain, Jean Anderson; drill leader, Jean Blanchard; color stations, love, Dale Fletcher; religion, Gwendolyn Rice; nature, Betty Grant; immortality, Betty Cutter; fidelity, Priscilla Palmer; patriotism, Joan Hodgdon; service, Madeline Emery; confidential observer, Vilma Bedell; outer observer, Dorothy Hall; musician, Francis Delaney; choir director, Virginia Stevens; American flag, Joan Baker; state flag, Anne Bennett; Rainbow banner bearer, Lorraine White; pages, Janice White and Patricia Jenkins.

The installation of the mother adviser and the following advisory board was by Mrs. Elsa Simes, past mother adviser: Mother adviser, Mrs. Dorothy E. Darling; advisory board chairman and "Dad," Guy E. Nichols; other board members, Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, Mrs. Marjorie Emery, Mrs. Bessie McDonald, Mrs. George Webber, Mrs. Myrtle Fletcher, Mrs. Harold Irwin and Mrs. Hazel Odiorne.

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WILMINGTON HOME DAY PARADE—Pictured in the Home Day parade is this old French coach followed by many of the floats which took part in the Labor Day celebration sponsored by the Rehabilitation committee of the town. The affair was held on the common with various booths and games on the midway.

OLD PATROL WAGON—Herbert Boutwell, driver of the horse-drawn patrol wagon of many years ago, is shown following the Wilmington Home Day parade held Labor Day by members of the Wilmington Rehabilitation committee.

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"Home Day" Observance Is Great Success

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Sept. 5—"Wilmington Home day" was observed by members of the Wilmington rehabilitation committee, the activities opening with a parade starting at the Center and proceeding down Church street to Middlesex avenue, led by Chief Harry J. Ainsworth of the police department and followed by the town ambulance with U. S. Cadet nurses from St. John's hospital, Lowell, Mary Ritchie and Marguerite Cavanaugh as attendants. The national colors were carried by Wilmington post, 136, American Legion, followed by members of the post, also members of the auxiliary, carrying colors. Next in line were members of the board of selectmen in an automobile driven by Fred Cain. Boy Scouts ,in charge of Scoutmaster Herbert Higginbotham were next in line, followed by horseback riders. A float, representing the rehabilitation committee, interviewing members of the armed forces came next, followed by a horse-drawn "Black Maria," which was used as a patrol wagon years ago. A French coach with six passengers was next in line. The 4-H Garden club in charge of Wilfred Andrews, had a float which carried many vegetables raised by members of the club and received much praise along the route. Fire apparatus from Reading, Woburn, Tewksbury and Wilmington was in line along with trailer pumps and a hand tub. The 4-H club float won the prize as the best feature in the parade.

The first activity on the common was a demonstration of pumping by all the fire trucks from a catch basin and from a hydrant. The demonstration showed the various types of apparatus in use in years gone by and the present time.

Following the fire pump demonstration, a sports program took place and was enjoyed by the children.

The first event was a bicycle race from Middlesex avenue to Wildwood to Woburn to Federal back to the common with Ernest White, Burt Hadley and Frank Maynes as winners. The girls race was won by June Newhouse, Catherine Higginbotham and June Provost. Winners in the bicycle parade were, Donald, Jean and Douglass Anderson and winners in the doll carriage parade were Nancy Cornish, Audrey Irwin, Helen Reynolds and Ann Barton. Other events were the potato race, foot races for boys and girls, penny scramble shoe race. The winners included, June Newhouse, Carole Chisholm, Janet Backman, Shirley Frotton, Robert Maskell, Leland Chisholm, Ernest White, Betty Fagan, Beatrice Flaherty, Shirley Smith, Judith Nyles, Robert Westcott, Robert Cain, Allen McMillan, Francis Peck, Jean Clark, Robert Swain, Leo O'Donnell, Francis Ogonoski, James McDonald, John Pelman, Burton Frotten, John Martin, James Flynn, John Dunn, Ann Clark, Catherine Flynn, Barbara Gordon, Ella Smith and Mary McRay.

Organizations were in charge of the various booths in the midway and there were pony and saddle horseback rides for the children At 6 p. m. the Boy Scouts were in charge of the lowering of the flag. Members of the American Legion auxiliary served a supper, which was well attended.

The evening was brought to a close with a drawing of war bonds and stamps. The following were awarded the prizes: Arthur Starr, Middlesex avenue, $50 war bond; Alex Dupont, Lowell street, and Linda Cook, Church street, each a $25 war bond. Winners of $5 war stamps were: Annie M. Dayton, Temple street; B. McNulty, 41 Linden street, Malden; Mrs. Harry Henderson, Brentwood avenue; Robertine Mary Ethier, Main street, and Joseph R. Lynch, Sr., Woburn street. A large decorated cake was won by Richard Livesey of Belmont street. The committee wishes to thank all who in any

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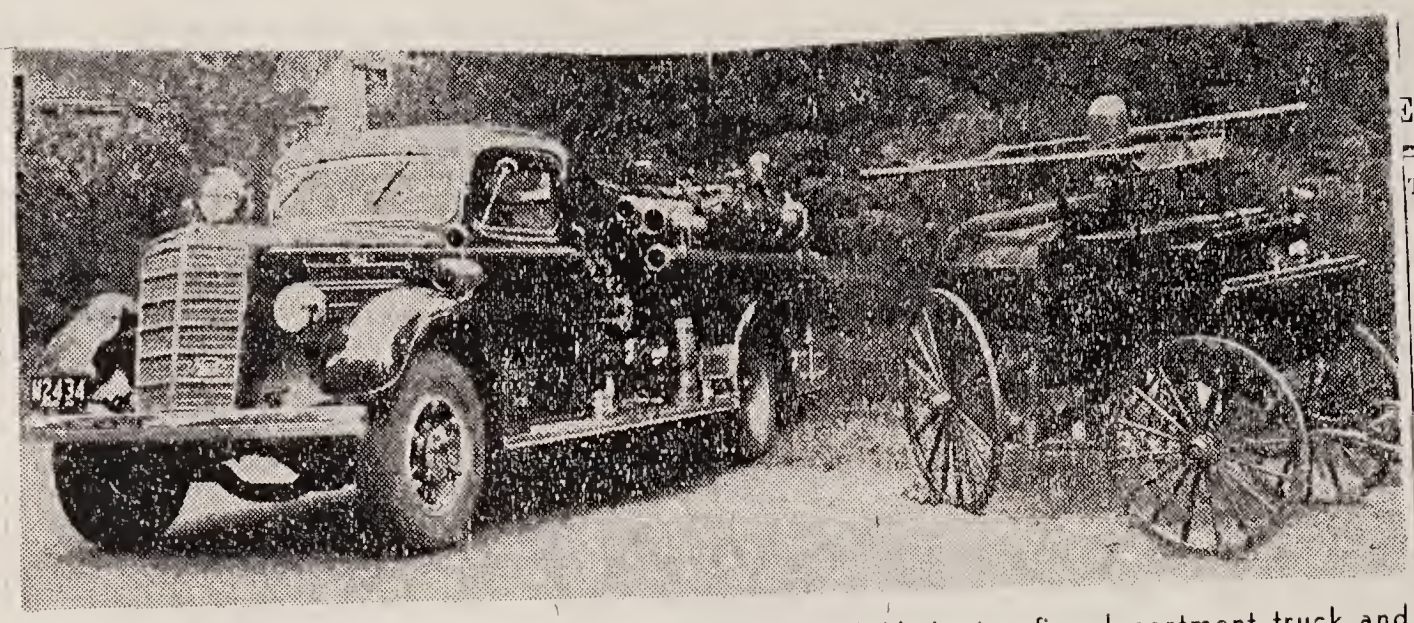

OLD AND NEW FIRE APPARATUS—Pictured is the new Wilmington fire department truck and the old hand tub which was in operation from 1903 to 1919. Both pieces of apparatus were used in a pumping demonstration at Silver Lake recently.

Wilmington Demonstrates Old And New in Fire Apparatus

Old Hand Tub and New Motor Are Used In Novel Demonstration at Silver Lake

WILMINGTON—A large gathering of townspeople was present on Thursday night when members of the Wilmington fire department staged a demonstration at Silver Lake. The original "hand tub" was set up alongside the newest piece of apparatus. The hand tub was operated by George Cushing, a regular member of the department, with Harry H. Cutter, who was a member of the department when the hand tub was being operated, at the nozzle. Assisting at the pump handles were Edward Haskell, Arthur Williams, Melvin Southmayd, Lawrence White, Charles Jordan, Aristide Brabant, Joseph Barton, Maurice O'Neil, Fred Field, Wilfred Andrews, Edward Page, John Finnerty, Walter G. Buckle and John Finnerty.

It was estimated that the pump was averaging 40 pound draft pressure and 20 pounds at the nozle with a stream averaging about 100 feet. It was very evident that it was hard work to the inexperienced men to work the pump for more than three minutes at a time, as all got winded quickly. The tub also carried a barrel which contained about 40 gallons of water which was used for small fires, with a garden hose attachment.

Four members who were on the department during the day of the hand tub were present: Edwin L. Day, present chief; Chester Horton, Harry H. Cutter and Frank Muse. The hand tub went into operation in 1902 with Charles B. Osborn as chief, with the following men on the department: Engine 1, C. S. Harriman, A. W. Kidder, A. E. Robinson, Carl A. Cady, Donald K. Colgate, Daniel W. Boynton, Edwin L. Day, Louis Cady, Winfred W. Rice, J. Arthur Taylor, L. T. McMahon, W. Boynton, Charles E. Carter; Engine 2, North Wilmington, H. H. Cutter, L. Smith, Bernard Doucette, J. White, L. Doucette, A. Doucette, J. Surrette and Owen Roche. Many more men served on the department up to 1916 when the first motor apparatus was purchased. The latest truck was purchased in July 1940.

During the demonstration, the new truck was operated by Maurice O'Neil, assisted by Joseph Barton, Walter Buckle and George Cushing. It used a line of 2½-inch hose and two lines of 1½-inch hose. The truck is capable of drafting 600 gallons of water a minute. The demonstration lasted about one hour.

The following chiefs have served the department since 1902: Charles B. Osborn, 1902-1905; Arthur W. Kidder, 1905-1906; Joseph M. Hill, 1906-1909; Albert Butters, 1909-1919; Edwin L. Day, 1919 to present date.

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Town Of Wilmington Past and Future

The assets that Wilmington still possesses from her far-distant past, as a setting and background for any future development in beauty, are those that an artist's eye would most enjoyably linger over, now and at once.

Were a skilled landscape painter to represent on canvas a beautiful stretch of swamp and brook, I doubt if any region in Massachusetts could furnish him with a picture so admired and unusual as Maple Meadow Brook, seen in winter. When snows mingle with the long, graceful and richly tan mounds of swamp grass, the picture stretched out by that great artist Nature, on both sides of Lowell Road, is one that is never wearisome and always delightful. The backgrounds of dark evergreens and rosy-grey leafless boughs of the surrounding woods accentuate the long vistas of the curving waterway. No artist that I know of has painted this scene. But it lies there, a perfect production of Nature, for all who can see in what has been long familiar, something uniquely and exceptionally pleasing.

Though this view of Maple Meadow Brook is the most finished of Nature's pictures in Wilmington, others have great appeal.

The pines and other woodland areas, in this town, are so scattered and distributed, that, like those bordering Maple Meadow Brook, they accentuate and increase the beauty of the private homes of the people —and of their public buildings also. The new high school building and that formerly occupied by the Junior High School, both arrest attention most immediately because they are seen against the tall dark pines that so grandly soar beyond them. For lovers of woodland beauty, there are in this town, at present, more home-sites, or home domiciles already erected, that possess either a background of woods or a near-view of woodland scenery, than has any other town that I know of, in eastern Massachusetts.

If both public and private building enterprise can recognize the scenic worth of these second-growth timber reminders of the primeval forest—as Wildwood Road still does in name—one of the greatest assets for keeping the town beautiful, will be preserved. Probably no town, aside from those which include The Middlesex Fels Reservation, north of Boston, contains so many acres of picturesque woodland as are now still to be seen in Wilmington.

And unlike the Fels Reservation, these stretches of woodland—and of rocky boulders also—are close to the homes of the people, - not segregated from life, as if in a Museum but available to give delight to everyone, who, city-bored, has come into the country to get nearer to Nature.

The third natural beauty within Wilmington is her lake. The shape and proportion and size of Silver Lake are in themselves a gem of beauty, and the water surprisingly clear and sparkling. The setting can be improved, by planting trees and flowers; the beaches, already worked on, can be completed. In fact, the view of the lake, from the school buildings now there, is so pleasing, that one public-minded citizen has suggested transporting the little children, of school age, to the lake school region, and erecting there a primary school, for the whole town, that would equal in efficiency and modern leadership, the new high school.

Few buildings in Wilmington, whether public or private, would, I believe, attract an artist's eye as models for pictures. It is not easy in modern times, to pay for one's house, own one's almost necessary car, and establish any basic household efficiency, and also have funds available by which to remodel the design of the house itself. Nor have architects recognized that even very small dwelling-places, can be enchanting.

Most other buildings in the town, whatever their location or use, become democratically ordinary, when compared with the First Church.

The beauty of the Congregational Church, in its simplicity and in the mathematically perfect proportion of its steeple, rooflines, and height and length, is such that, had it been located in England, instead of New England, it would have been long famed as an attraction for American tourists to visit.

If these four assets in beauty, already here, the swamp and brook, the woodland stretches, the lake, the first church can be studied, copied, loved, imitated or emulated, by the people looking into her future, the town can become, instead of a point of departure for wageearners, a model of beauty, that will attract business and residents both. Boys, their natural skill perfected by their education, can learn to make their living inside the town.

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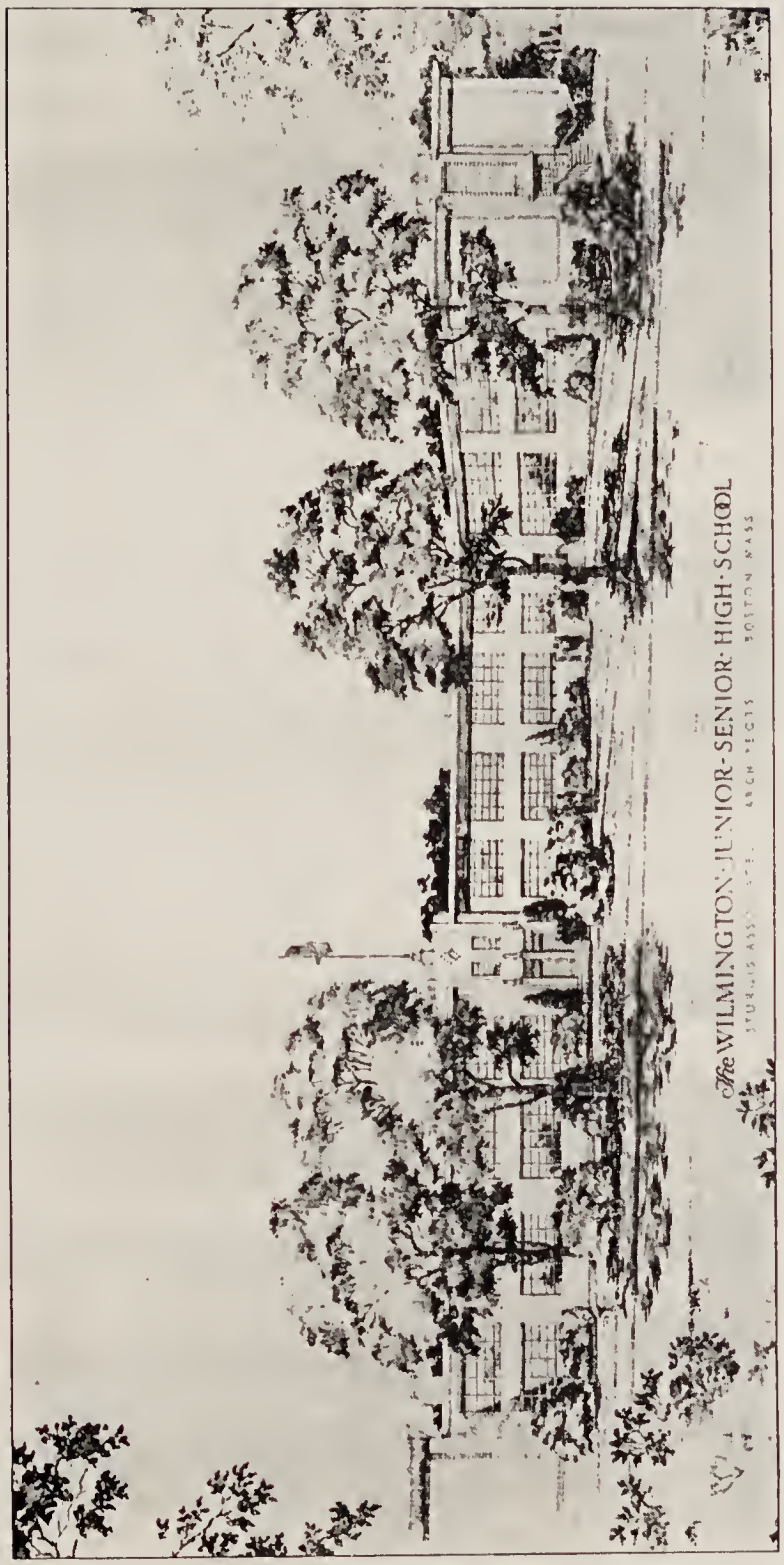

The Town of Wilmington

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Foreword

The Town of Wilmington began in a school. The first Town Meeting was in a small schoolhouse, at the corner of Main Street and Butters Row. We have no description of this schoolhouse, but it was probably like others of the period, forty to fifty feet long, half as wide, one story, small diamond pane windows, and unpainted, inside and out. It was known as the "Schoolhouse at the Boggy End" (of Woburn), and after Wilmington's separation from the mother town, it was Wilmington's one and only public building.

It is interesting to note that, among the teachers, the name of one only is known today, that of Benjamin Thompson, who later became a scientist of international reputation, and was better known as Count Rumford.

The great granddaughter of this school (South School, built 1899) is today on Chestnut street, across from the old Garrison House for that part of town, and is now used as a local clubhouse.

Other districts of the newly formed town soon had their schools. "Over at Bucks" was what we now call the East School, the second, or, maybe the third building in that area, now abandoned. Its predecessor stood across Federal street from the site of the present building.

In the North part of town "Up Nod" was the Nod School, now called the North School. This, built in 1868 is the third building for the area, being the second one on this site, although the earlier one faced East. The first school for the area stood at or near the junction of Woburn and Andover streets.

The West School "over by Walker's" (now the Alden Eames farm) stood for over one hundred years just beyond Aldrich Road, on the opposite side of the highway from the present building, which was built in 1875.

These were the early schools of Wilmington, each supported by and operated by the people of the respective districts. The policy of having distinct and separate district schools was abolished by vote of the General Court in 1869.

In the early 1800's a new school was added, now the Public Library. 1840 saw a new organization in town, the Free Will Baptist Society. They built a church, but, after a few years the organization disbanded. The church building became the property of the town, and, here, in the 1860's was the first Wilmington High School. Today, this building is the Town Hall.

1888 saw the erection of the first building intended for a high school, now known as the Center School. At one time all grades attended this school, and for about a quarter of a century this was Wilmington High School. The Walker School was built in 1896, and the Whitefield School in 1906.

1914 marked a new era for Wilmington. The town was rapidly growing, and a new High School was built, one that has served well and faithfully since it first opened its doors. The first class to graduate had one member, and the last (1950) had 62!

Since the opening of our last high school the town has grown rapidly, and is continuing to do so. The last two decades have seen three new schools. Today, Wilmington, a town of over 7,000 inhabitants, proudly dedicates this modern building as Wilmington High School.

Message

At a Special Town Meeting held on November 29, 1948, the voters assembled, in pursuance of a motion presented by Edward C. Manning, instructed the Moderator to appoint a special committee to study needs for school accommodations and to make recommendations to the town. This committee, consisting of the undersigned, made its report after careful study of the existing school situation and consultations with the local school staff and an educational consultant of national fame, Dr. Jesse B. Davis. Its recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting on March 14, 1949 were that appropriations be made to enable the School Committee to add two rooms to the Mildred H. Rogers School in order to relieve somewhat the overcrowded condition of the elementary schools and to permit a special committee to obtain plans and specifications for a six-year secondary school. Both recommendations were accepted, and the same members were appointed to the new committee.

A Special Town Meeting was called on October 24, 1949 to consider the report of this special committee. The plans and specifications presented then provided for a six-year secondary school to house from 700 to 1000 pupils and to contain a gymnasium and auditorium. It was recommended, however, by the committee because of the Town's healthy but modest financial structure that the first construction be one unit of the ultimate plan which would house grades nine through twelve. These recommendations were accepted and the committee was reappointed as a School Building Committee. The building that is being dedicated today is the result of the foregoing actions.

We have worked hard to give the Town a school built in accordance with the best modern practice in education and architecture. We have been happy in our choice of architects, The Sturgis Associates, and in our contractor, Rich Brothers; we feel that they have given the best of their professional knowledge and practical experience. We appreciate the cooperation of the School Committee in rendering prompt decisions whenever we have called upon them for conference and approval of our various recommendations. We have received invaluable help from the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Stephen G. Bean; and the High School Principal, Mr. George Kambour, particularly in the latter stages of our work in connection with the ordering of furniture and equipment. The Town Moderator and Counsel, Mr. Philip B. Buzzell, merits special recognition from us for the sound advice he has given in various matters of import.

Two years, nearly, have passed since we began this work, and it will be some months yet before we shall have completed all necessary details. We are glad to have been able to serve the community to the best of our abilities. We trust that the product of all this activity will be satisfactory to the community in general and in particular to those who will make chief use of the facilities now made available, the boys and girls of Wilmington. Finally, we urge all who read this statement and who view this building to remember that this is but the first unit of a larger whole which must be completed as soon as feasible.

TOWN OF WILMINGTON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

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Kenneth G. Kelley, *Secretary*
Charles H. Black
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The Wilmington Parent-Teachers Association,

at a meeting of its Executive Board held in June of this year, discussed the desirability of encouraging a movement for suitable dedication exercises for the new Wilmington High School. It was felt, however, that such an undertaking should be planned to include as many community elements as possible. The Board, therefore, called upon one of the most active members of the PTA, Mr. Larz Neilson, to organize a dedication committee which would consist of members drawn from the PTA, former members of the High School Alumni Association, and from the ranks of the townspeople in general, both old and new settlers.

Mr. Neilson, who grew up in Wilmington and attended Wilmington schools, accepted this difficult assignment and assembled a committee broadly representative of all community groups. Despite the interruptions always brought on by vacations and other distractions of the summer, he and his associates have been able to develop this excellent program in which we are participating today. We thank him and hope that the events of the day will remind us that our children can develop to a healthy maturity only if "parents", and "teachers," and all of the townspeople work together to provide the best possible educational facilities and program.

We extend hearty thanks to the citizens of Wilmington who have sacrificed to provide this beautiful building.

We congratulate the Building Committee on the excellent results of their untiring labor and devotion.

WILMINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Events of the Day

INVOCATION ..... Rev. George S. Brennan

WELCOME ..... Larz Neilson

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS ..... Larz Neilson - Edward Manning

PRAYER ..... Rev. Stanley Cummings

SPEAKER ..... Hon. Edith Nourse Rogers

LAYING OF CORNERSTONE

Stephen G. Bean, *Superintendent of Schools*

George C. Kambour, *Principal of High School*

Honor Guard, Donald O'Connell, President of Class of 1951, assisted by Presidents of Classes of 1952, 1953, and 1954.

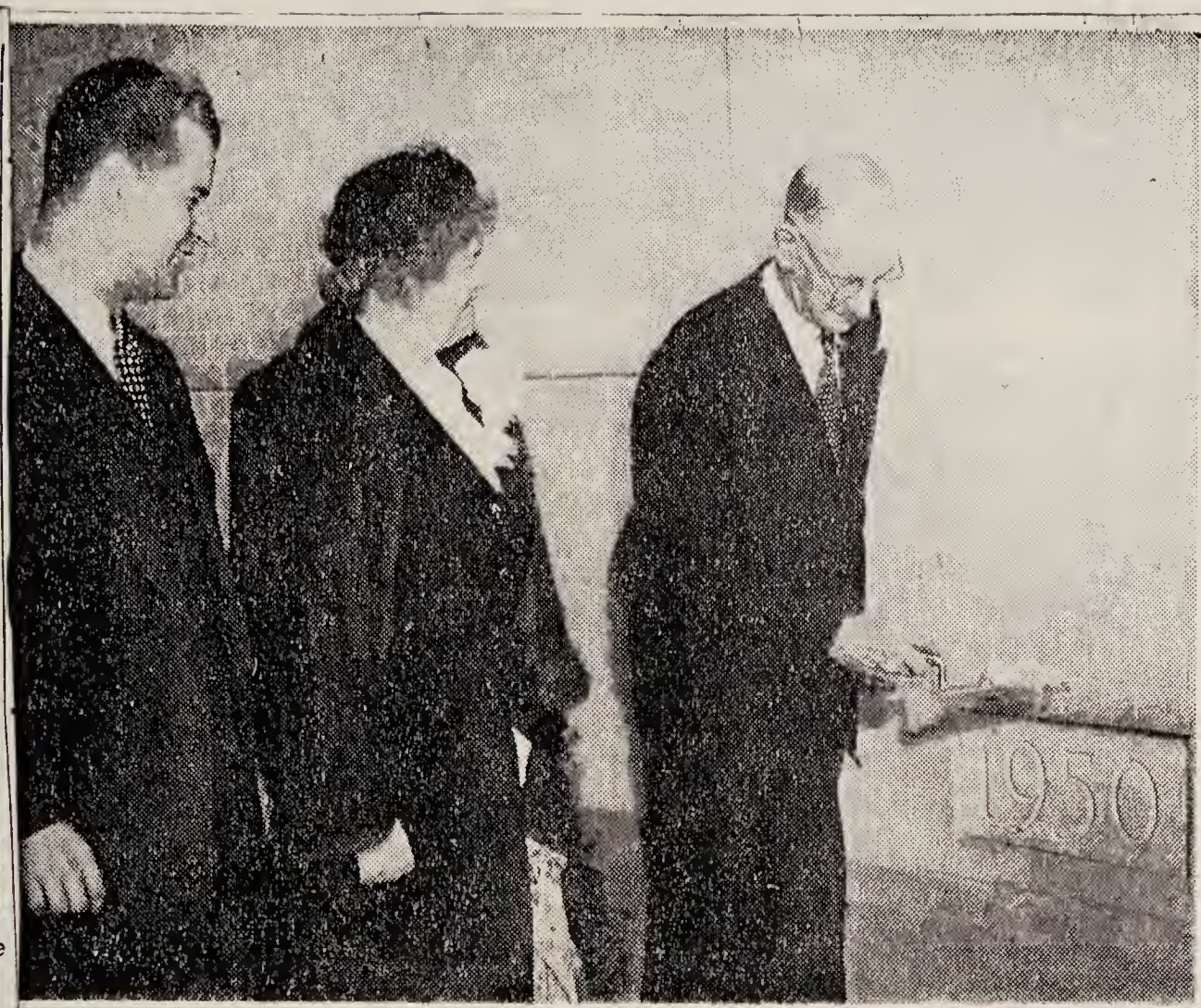
DEDICATION ..... Rev. Otis Maxfield

FLAG RAISING ..... Boy Scouts - Girl Scouts

BENEDICTION ..... Mr. S. Albert Kaufman

Music Furnished by Wilmington High School Band

After the Benediction the School will be open to the public.



GTON SCHOOL DEDICATED—Superintendent of Schools Stephen G. Bean, is shown e cornerstone during the dedication of the Wilmington high school recently. Also enter, is Hon. Edith Nourse Rogers, and Kenneth M. Lyons, chairman, board of

MINGTON, Oct. 17—A making event for the of Wilmington occurred day when the dedication of the new Wilmington high school on Church street was held. The invocation for the program was given by Rev. George S. Brennan, pastor of St. Thomas' church, after which a welcoming address was given by Larz Neilson, chairman of the dedication committee.

Edward C. Manning, chairman of the school building committee for the new high school, was then introduced, who in turn presented the following persons and representatives of companies who were responsible for the construction and development of the high school: Educational consultant, Dean Jesse B. Davis, S. Winthrop St. Clair, representative of the architectural firm, also Charles Hull, Mr. Richardson, the landscape architecture, and the contractor, Walter Rich.

Mr. Manning spoke of the excellent co-operation of the above individuals and then presented the following members of the school building committee who had worked many hours with him in planning and attending meetings for the development of the school Professor Kenneth Kelley, secretary of the committee; ex-Selectman Charles Black, E. H. Bliss, Ernest Crispo, John Nitchie and Mr. Edward Neilson, who was unable to be present.

Mr. Manning, after explaining the various steps of construction of the high school introduced Lindsey Stevens, who was in charge of alterations to the Roman House and barn. Past Principals of the old high school were then presented, Melvin Knight and Mr. Loring.

John Hartnett, chairman of the school committee, spoke and extended appreciation to all present, after which Superintendent of Schools, Stephen G. Bean was introduced

Gives Address

Chairman of the board of selectmen, Kenneth Lyons, gave a short address, after which he introduced the principal speaker of the day, the Honorable Edith Nourse Rogers, who delivered an inspiring address on the necessity of reverence for God in the United States today and the need of spiritual and academic training in the world. Mrs. Rogers also spoke on the greatness of the American people, and their willingness to sacrifice for the better and right things in life.

The address was followed by a prayer by Rev. Stanley Cummings of the Congregational church.

Mr. Manning, in behalf of the school building committee, then presented Kenneth Kelley, secretary of the committee, a sterling pen and pencil set, and stated how faithful and competent Mr. Kelley had been in attending the 70 meetings of the school building committee for the new high school. Mr. Kelley said a few words of thanks, after which the laying of the cornerstone for the new high school was held, in charge of Supt. of Schools Stephen G. Bean, Principal George C. Kambour of the high school, accompanied by the following honor guard: Donald O'Connell, president of the class of '51, with presidents of the classes of '52, '53 and '54.

Mr. Manning was then presented a beautiful gold watch by ex-Selectman Charles Black in behalf of the school building committee.

After the dedication speech, by Rev. Otis Maxfield of the Methodist church and the honoring of the flag, in charge of Boy and Girl Scouts, the benediction was given by S. Albert Kaufman of the Wilmington synagogue. Music was furnished by the high school band.

Following the ceremonies, the public was invited into the interior of the new high school, to view the remarkable progress and foresight of the school building committee as well as everyone connected with the construction of the new building. Each room is completely modern as to color, design and equipment, with complete satisfaction for the eye as well as the mind. The most modern desks, seating equipment, machines, facilities for space, and modern decor were witnessed by the satisfied throngs of Wilmington citizens who entered the building.

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Aids-to-Victory Meet; Firemen Hold Session

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, March 21—A well-attended meeting of the Aids-to-Victory was held yesterday afternoon at the Silver Lake Betterment hall. Preceding the meeting a luncheon was served by the following committee, Mrs. Stanley Cady, chairman; Mrs. Anthony Dalalmo, Mrs. Joseph Woods, Mrs. Anton Thiel, Mrs. Gardner Ritchie, Mrs. George Garrow, Mrs. Mildred Beal, Mrs. Thomas O'Connors, Mrs. Carl Cady, Mrs. Elmer Branscombe, Mrs. Arthur Starr, Mrs. James White, Mrs. J. Dudley Blake, Mrs. Charles Read, Mrs. Eldon Durkee, Mrs. Jacob Wicks, Mrs. Charles Matthews, Mrs. Walter LaDow, Mrs. Charles Rice.

The business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. Chas. H. Hadley and the report of the treasurer and secretary were given by Mrs. David L. Martin. Mrs. John Joyce gave a report on the hospital committee. Announcement was made of the Smiley and Sue show to be held at the Grange hall tonight and the proceeds will be given to the Aids-to-Victory. Mrs. Samuel Bond will be in charge of the candy sale and Mrs. Wilfred Babine in charge of ice cream, Mrs. Jane Bull in charge of tonic. Mrs. Anthony Dalaimo will also assist the committee.

Much praise was given Mrs. George Garrow of Parker street who has completed and knitted 80 sweaters for the service men. A poem "Victory" which was written by Mrs. Nellie Newman was read by Mrs. Charles Hadley. Special guests at the meeting were Pvt. and Mrs. William Ferrick, Sergt. John Cochrane, Mrs. Adeline Cochrane, ship's cook Bernard Ring, U. S. navy, Elmer Nary, Jr., U. S. navy, Betty Nary, Mrs. Elmer Nary. All the service men spoke on their experience and their stories were interesting. A drawing on a turkey will be held at the next meeting on April 3 which was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McDonough.

WILMINGTON AIDS TO VICTORY MEET—Shown are the officers and guests at the Aids to Victory luncheon served prior to their regular meeting held at the Silver Lake Betterment association hall. Left to right, front row: Mrs. Franklyn Riley, C. P. M., Franklyn Riley, U. S. N.; Mrs. Doris Cady, vice-president; Lt. Sylvia Neilson, WAC, and Pfc. Calvin Drew, U. S. A. Rear row: Mrs. Henrietta Swain, Mrs. Biggar, Mrs. Davis L. Martin and Mrs. L. H. Drew.

Aids to Victory Report

The secretary of the Aids to Victory, Mrs. David Martin has released the treasurer's report for publication showing what the group is doing with the funds available for the men and women who are in the service from this town. There is a special sum set aside to be used for the rehabilitation of veterans on their return from the service. At present the sum is $610.52.

Receipts from Feb. 8, 1943, to Feb. 7, 1944—Cash on hand, $13.82; cash in Wilmington bank (special fund), $60.00; cash in Wilmington bank (general fund), $91.42; luncheons, $308.06; donations, $225.55; penny collections, $50.50; neighborhood parties, $12.00; Christmas cards, additional 1942, $9.02; Christmas cards, 1943, $120.56; chance money—war bond, afghan, pillow, 1-H novelties, $114.63; fat collections, $7.52; food sold at soldiers' party, $11.06; orchestra, $8.00; candy profit, $67.95; magazine subscriptions, $124.75; 4-H novelties, $11.00; war loan, $32.87; war bond, $18.75; interest, $1.78; memo books sold, $2.50; Christmas box, $7.28; 4-H show, $85.50; whist parties, $135.00; paper salvage, $108.84; sweater sold, $3.25; helmet sold, $1.55; stocking commission, $16.18; miscellaneous, 0.15; hobby collection, for one of boys, $6.10; hospital box, $7.58. Total, $1,996.11.

Expenditure—Yarn, $450.40; postage, $259.43; Christmas gifts, $171.26; Red Cross, $10.00; War stamps and bonds, $112.50; rent, $3.; orchestra, $8; Aids to Victory banner, $3; robe—for one of the girls, $6.39; penny collections, $51.37; Greater-Boston War fund, $10; handkerchiefs, $23.14; sugar $2.56; cookies, $3.25; W. D. C.—one half share on food sold, $5.03; gift, $2.74; cards—promotion birthday—sick, etc., $77.01; hospital box, $7.58; loan on candy for show, $10; hobby collection—for one of the boys, $6.10; printing, $5.80; Mr. Jeffries—one half share on afghan, $50; total—$1,281.59.

Wilmington bank (general fund) 2-7-41, $104; Wilmington bank (special fund) 2-7-14, $610.52; total—$714.52.

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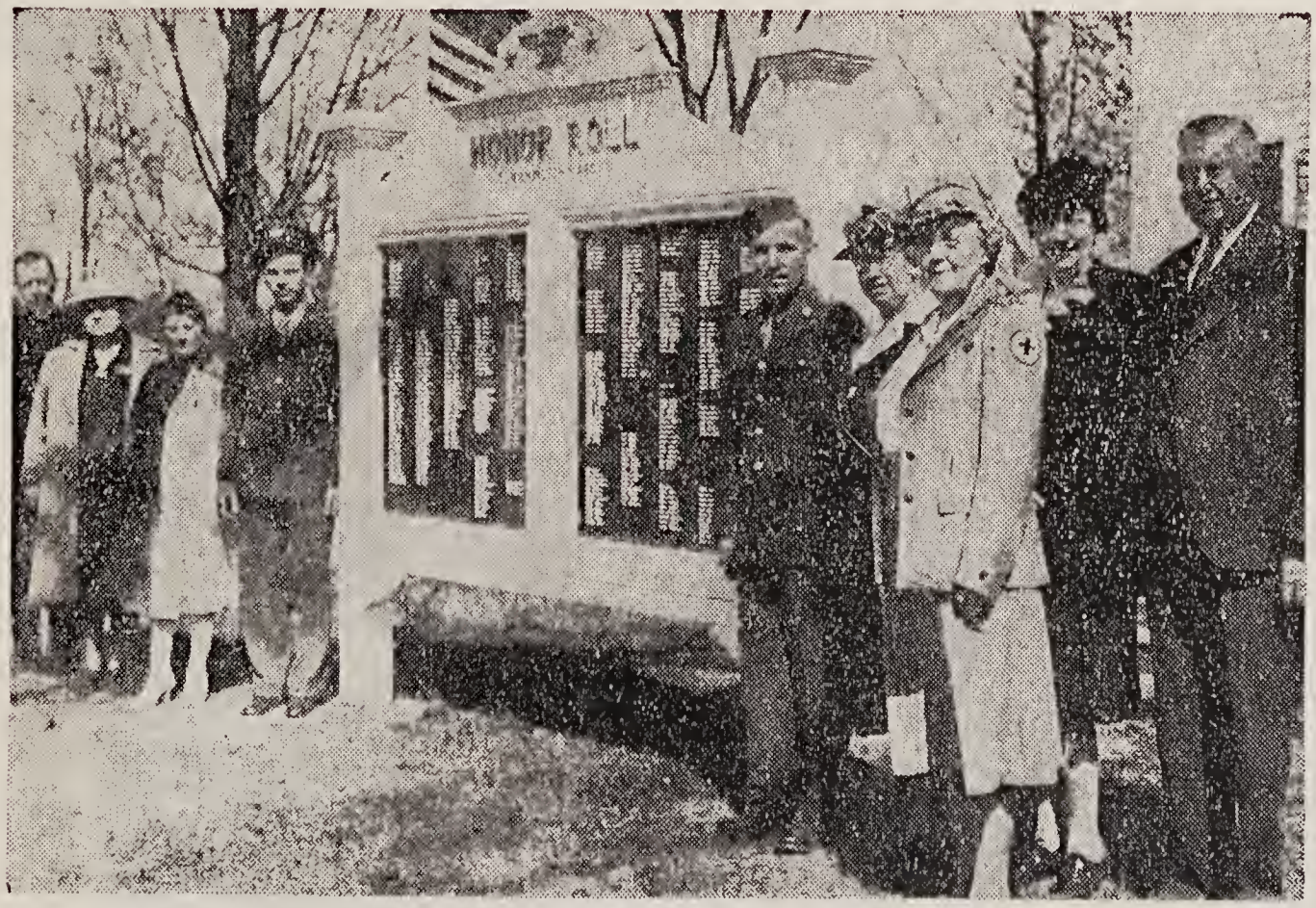
NEW SIGN AT WILMINGTON—This sign occupying a conspicuous place at the junction of two roads in Wilmington publicly speaks the good luck that Wilmington gives to its sons entering the services.



HONOR PLAQUE DEDICATED AT WILMINGTON—Shown taking part in the unveiling of the honor plaque at the Wilmington town hall Sunday are, left to right: Rev. Clyde M. Martin Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Joseph Kelly, Sergt. Arthur Fish, Pvt. James Greer, Mrs. Susan T. Esler, Mrs Frederick W. McMahon, Miss Adelaide Fitzgerald and Mrs. Louis McMahon.

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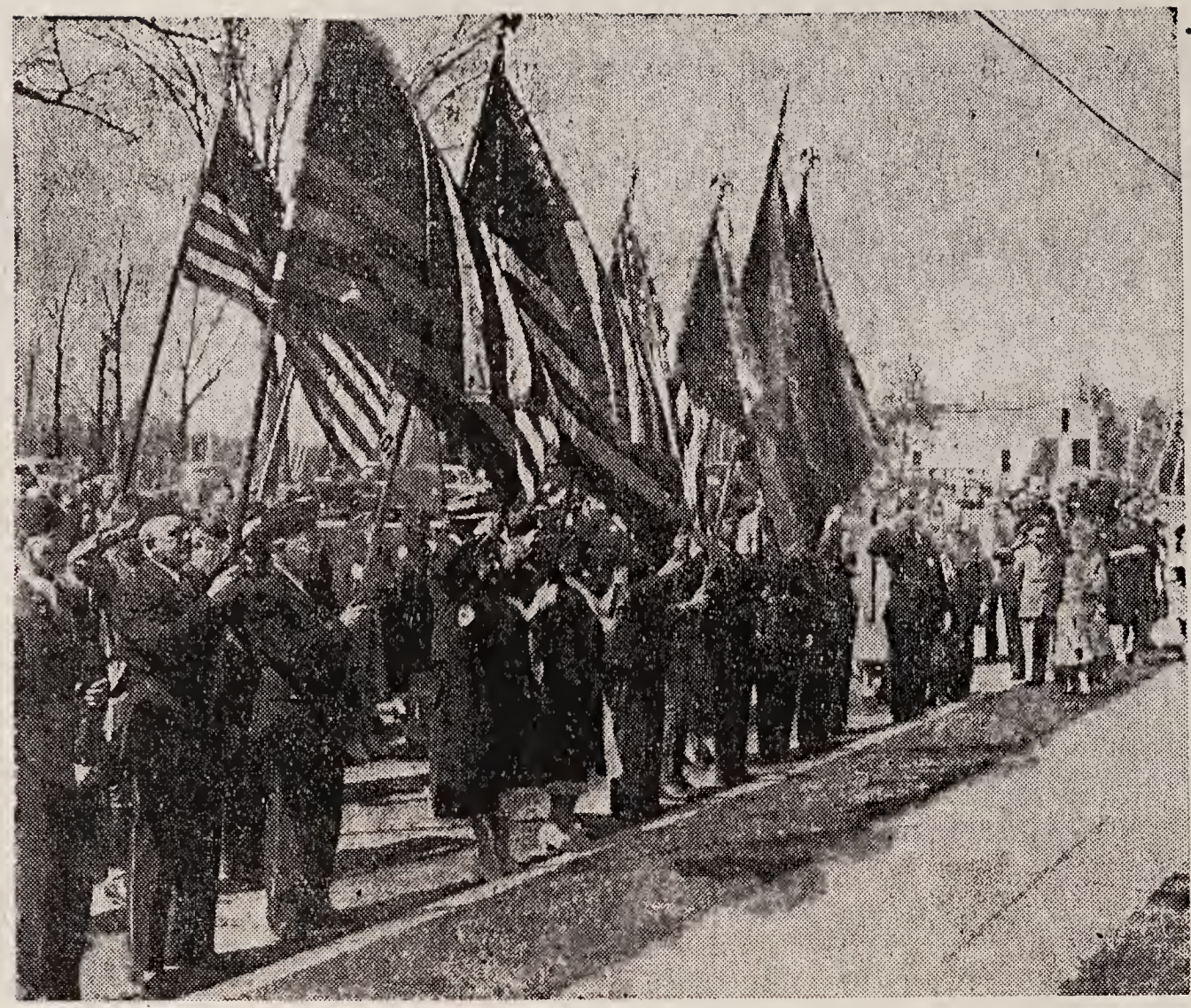

AT WILMINGTON DEDICATION—Members of the Legion post and Auxiliary as they unfurled colors at the dedication of the honor roll at Wilmington.

DEDICATION OF DREW SQUARE IN WILMINGTON—Among those taking part at the dedication of Elmer M. Drew square at West and Lowell streets Sunday afternoon were, left to right: Richard, Calvin, Robert and Mrs. Lauchlin H. Drew; Commander George Bryant, American Legion post 136; Selectmen James J. Gilligan, Charles H. Black, Frank Darling, president East Wilmington Improvement association, and Rev. Clyde M. Martin, pastor of the Congregational church.

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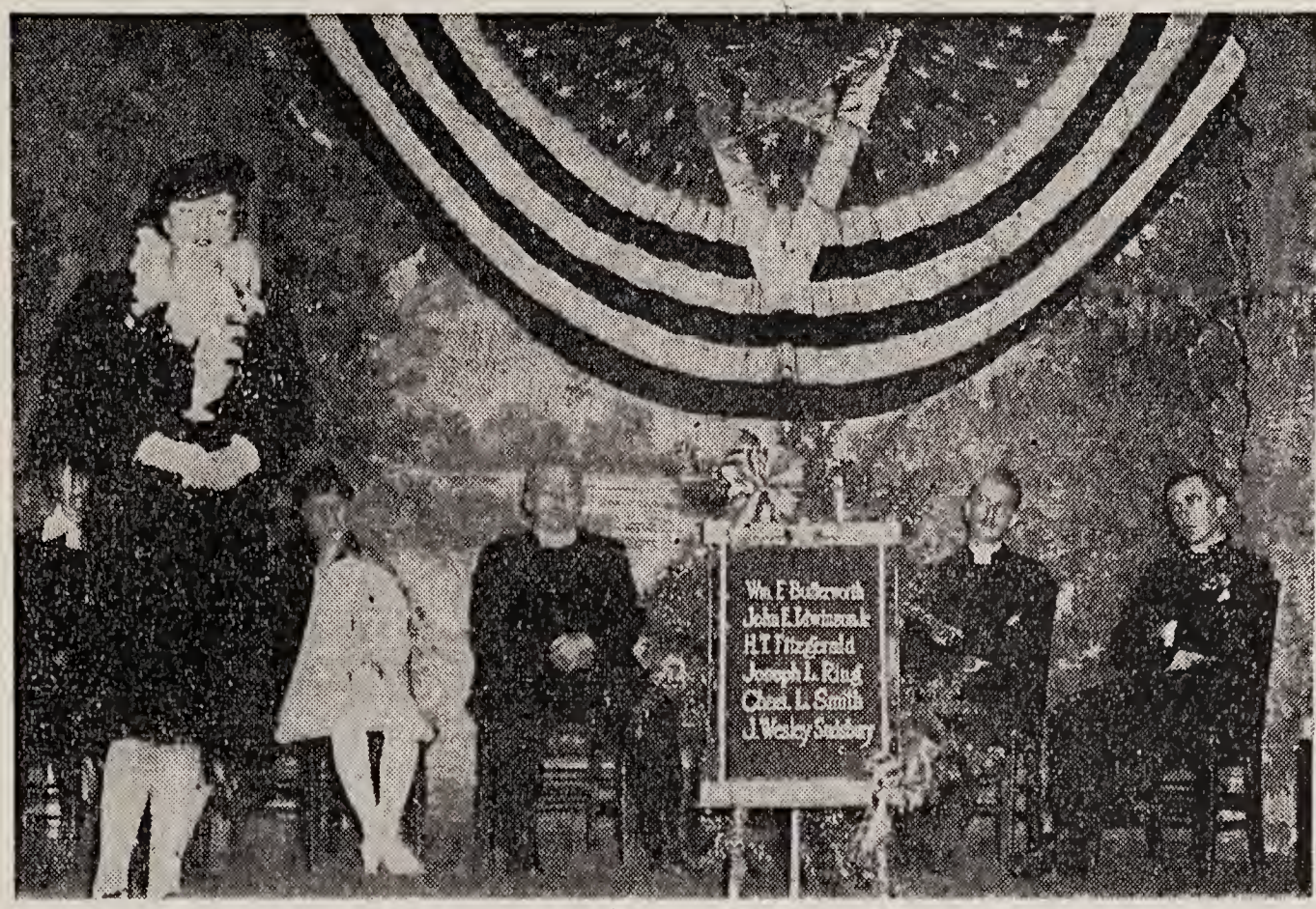

GOLD STAR MOTHERS HONORED AT WILMINGTON—Scene taken during the exercises at which Gold Star citations were awarded to mothers of Wilmington. Speaking is Miss Adelaide Fitzgerald, state secretary of the American Legion auxiliary. Seated, left to right, are: Mrs. Susan T. Esler, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley, president of the local auxiliary; Rev. James M. Daley, pastor of St. Thomas' church; Rev. J. Arthur Samuelson, pastor of the Methodist church; Rev. Clyde M. Martin, pastor of the Congregational church.

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FIRST AID CLASS AT WILMINGTON—Shown at a first aid class held by the Red Cross of Wilmington are, left to right—Charlotte Hathaway, registrar; Mrs. Higginbottom and Mrs. Herbert Barrows, chairman of the Red Cross. Mrs. Larz Neilon, a registrar, is shown enrolling two new members, Mrs. Roy Bedell and Mrs. Otto Bischoff.

WILMINGTON COMMITTEE—Pictured above at their meeting held at the Legion hall are the members of the Wilmington Rehabilitation committee. They include, left to right: J. T. Hood, chairman; J. C. Kanbour and P. B. Buzzell.

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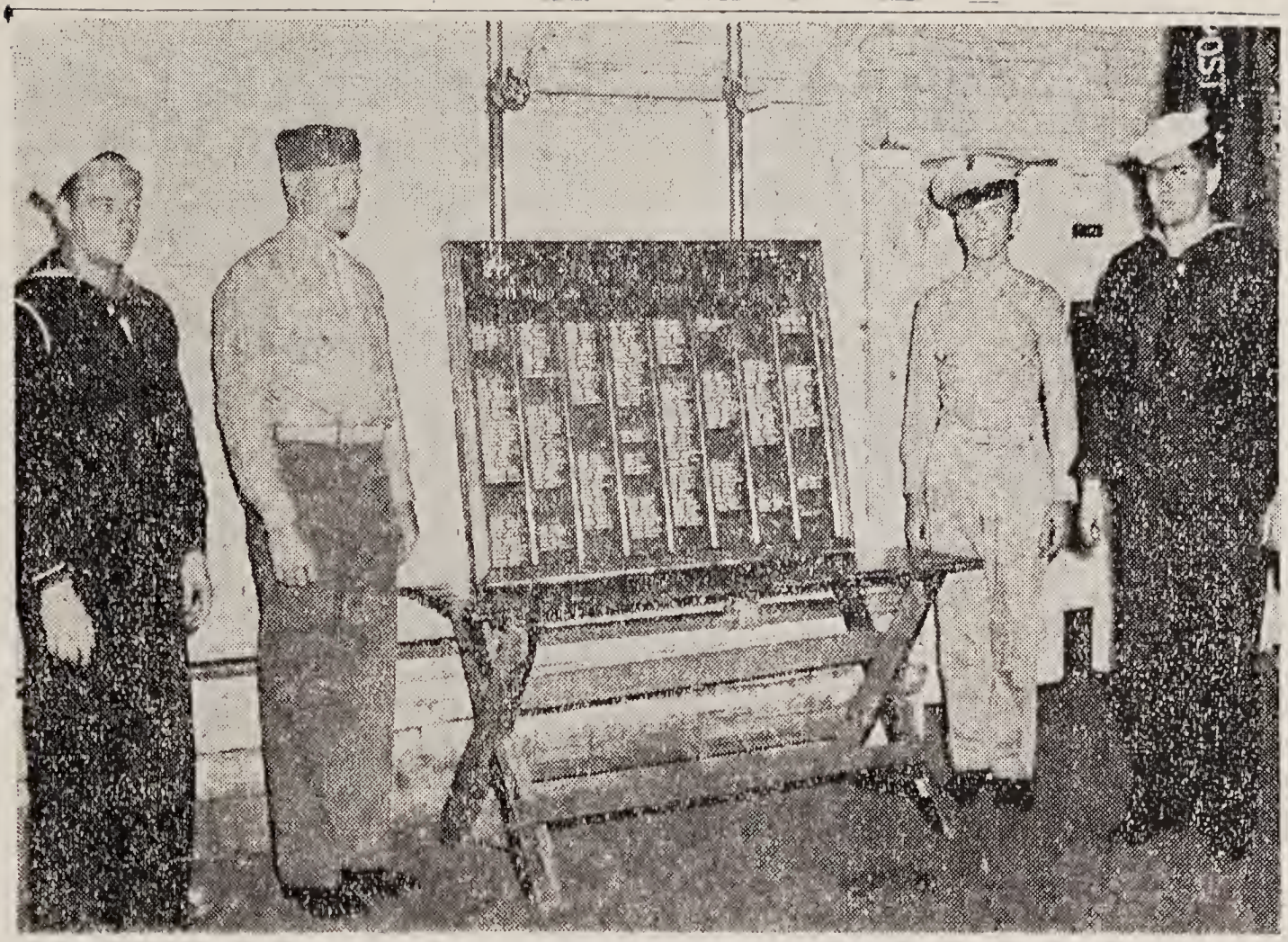


WILMINGTON HONOR ROLL—Wilmington servicemen are shown at the dedication of the high school honor roll of former pupils who are now members of the armed forces. The dedication was held in the school gymnasium. Left to right: Seaman Thomas Cavanaugh, U. S. N. R.; Pfc. Calvin Drew, U. S. A.. Pvt. Talbot Hood, U. S. M. C., and Seaman Francis L. Brennan, U. S. N. R.

WILMINGTON RED CROSS—The Red Cross surgical dressings unit under the direction of Miss O. H. Norcross met at her home in Shawsheen street, Wilmington.

Gold Star Mother Elected Selectman

Mrs. Wavie M. Drew of Wilmington Leads Candidates; Gardening Favorite Pursuit

By Barbara A. Browne

WILMINGTON—If even a casual acquaintance with the character of Mrs. Wavie M. Drew gives any clue to her future administration as a selectman for the next three years, then this town's in luck! Her regime should be history-making.

Already she's made an auspicious beginning by capturing the honor of being "the first lady" ever to be elected to the office in the history of Wilmington. Leading a field of five candidates by a majority of 80 votes, Mrs. Drew emerged victorious from her well-conducted campaign at the annual town meeting held on Monday.

Sworn into office after the announcement made by Town Clerk William S. Cayanaugh, the new selectman spent most of the ensuing 24 hours at the telephone receiving the congratulatory messages of practically every inhabitant of the town.

She announced her candidacy early last fall and since that time has carried on the greater part of her campaign by telephone, as the severe winter cramped personal appearances.

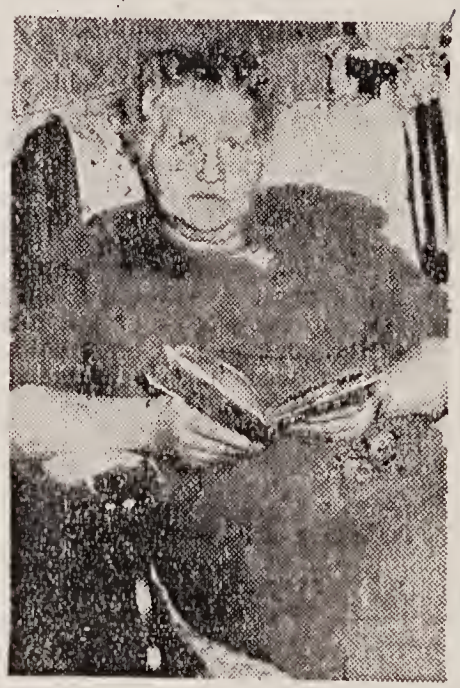
Proud of Victory

"I'm feeling very proud of my victory," she smiled when most of the excitement had died down. "And though there's a general feeling among men that women should stay out of politics, it seems to be a dyed-in-the-wool idea, which most of them here disregarded, because practically half my votes were from the men."

Seated in her attractively-furnished two century-old home, Mrs. Drew appears little like the ordinary conception of a selectman. Her crisply-waved white hair, fresh complexion, and blue eyes heightened by the blue of the crepe frock she was wearing, formed more the picture of a capable mother of a large family, which is precisely what she is.

Born in Lunenberg county, Nova Scotia, Canada, she married Lauchlin H. Drew, a native of Boston, after which they lived in Somerville and Melrose for a time before moving to Wilmington 21 years ago. They decided upon this town because it had so much to offer their only daughter and seven sons in the way of space to play in.

For 39 years Mr. Drew was employed by the Boston and Maine railroad company as a trainman, and he died but a few years ago. His picture she wears usually in a tiny plastic frame attached to a safety pin, serving as a lapel ornament.



Mrs. Wavie M. Drew

Her intense pride in their home is evident, and it is a justifiable one. Set well back from West street in the east section of the town, it faces their five acres of land, and property loss has included a picturesque windmill and barn which were effaced by lightning.

The house itself has the charm of age, which the Drews increased by tearing out the walls of more recent construction to bare the original beams fastened with wooden pegs and the solid floor boards which the previous owner had concealed.

Selectman Drew rejects vehemently the thought that anyone helps her with her household duties. "I've never had anything done for me in my life," she declared, "And I don't intend to start now."

Busy Woman

But how does a busy woman manage to tend her home so well and her civic duties so carefully? Her own recipe is that of trying not to let things bother her and living for each day as it comes.

"It's a good thing I'm not the emotional type," she smiles, and one feels such is the case in talking with her, for she inspires an instinctive confidence by her calm and pleasant manner. She speaks with the assurance which has come over a period of years in dealing with domestic problems and successful administration of community affairs.

Her life in public office started when she was named president of the East Wilmington Improvement association in March, 1941, and this she followed successively with positions in various offices.

In 1942 she served as chairman of the Women's Civilian Defense corps, which she resigned when her husband was taken ill. She also did a stint in war work, spending 20 months in a small defense factory in Wakefield, which she "liked very much because of its stimulating nature."

Last year she held the chairmanship of the annual Wilmington Community Fund Inc. drive and now is vice-president of the Fund. She has served also on several committees connected with its projects.

Club Activities

In addition she is one of the directors of the Wilmington Women's club, a member of the American Legion auxiliary, the Aids to Victory, the Wilmington Advisory committee, and of the Ladies Benevolent Society of Congregational church.

Truly infected with a community betterment spirit, she gives as her reason for entering town affairs actively her sincere affection for the town, her interest in it, and her desire to work for its all-round improvement.

She bemoans a lack of time for her former favorite pursuit of gardening, but confesses an avid interest in reading all types of books, particularly "best-sellers" and good detective stories. On the side she has managed to do some lovely handiwork, and a beautiful multi-colored afghan on her sofa attests her skill in that line.

Gold Star Mother.

Her living room is filled with photographs of her children and her grandson. Mrs. Drew is a Gold Star Mother. Her son, Elmer F. Drew, a seaman second class with the Navy, was killed during the invasion of Normandy on D-day.

She has four other service sons: Pvt. Harry, now stationed at Camp Kilmer, N. J. Leonard, now discharged, was with the Eighth Air Force and now is attending school in Cleveland, Ohio. He spent a year in a German prison camp. Sergeant-Technician Richard saw 32 months of service with the 114th engineers outfit in the southwest Pacific. Pfc. Calvin with the Marine Corps has just arrived on the West Coast from China and is expected home shortly.

Another son, Athur, is married, Bob is in high school, and her daughter, Grace, is at home. Her brother, Rev. Curry Spidell, is an Army chaplain in the Philippines with the rank of captain.

As yet she is not prepared to voice any proposed reforms, for she will work in close cooperation with her fellow selectmen, but it is safe to say that Wilmington may place its trust in its "first lady," and it will not be used in vain.

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GRADUATION AT WILMINGTON—The graduation of the Wilmington unit of the Massachusetts Women's Defense corps was held at the Grange hall under the direction of Mrs. Launchlin H. Drew, chairman of the local committee. Graduates were: Left to right, front—Margaret Page, Ruth Hale, Mary Hadley, Doris Musolino, Mrs. Launchlin H. Drew, Margaret Cameron, Elizabeth Bedell and Madelon Slater. Standing—Helen Noonan, Ruth Boynton, Helen Blake, Doris Cady, May Hadley, Miriam Ware and Grace Drew.

ehairman; Mrs. Harold J. Patten, Mrs. Harry Mann, Mrs. Ralph Garland, Miss Catherine Maguire, Mrs. Edwin Olson, Miss Doris Blake, Mrs. Lawrenee Desmond, Mrs. Abbott Battles, Mrs. Ross Sargent, Mrs. Peter Hughes and Miss Elizabeth Reynolds.

Children of St. William's parish will meet tomorrow afternoon for their regular elasses in religious instruction and training.

Wilmington

W. D. C. Holds Its Graduation—Silver Lake Group's Program

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Oct. 28—Graduation exereises were held at Grange hall last night for the members of the Massachusetts Women's Defense eorps who have completed their training in this town under the direetion of Mrs. Lauehlin H. Drew, town ehairman of the women's division of eivilian defense. The hall was filled with friends and relatives of the graduates and many of the women attending were in evening gowns.

The program opened with a march by the Community band with William S. Cavanaugh, conducting. The invited guests marched to the stage followed by the uniformed members of the Tewksbury-Wilmington unit. The unit acted as an escort to the graduates who filed in single line up to the stage. Mrs. Drew opened the program with a welcome to all and then introduced Capt. Dorothy Driscoll of the defense unit, who acted as master of ceremonies. A pledge of allegiance to the flag was reeited by all, followed by invocation by Rev. James M. Daley, pastor of St. Thomas' church. The following guest speakers were called on: J. Turner Hood, Jr., town chairman of civilian defense and Lieut. William Conlon of the Mass. State Guard. Seleetions by the band followed after which Capt. Alice McGee of Region 4 spoke on the importance of the defense corps. Maj. Violet Holmes, in charge of Region 4, was called on for remarks and also had all the graduates take the oath and enlist for a period of one year. She eongratulated Mrs. Drew on her work of organization in the town.

Mrs. May Hadley presented a gift to Mrs. Drew in behalf of the graduating unit. A telegram was read from the meehanical instructor, Willias Patton, congratulating the elass. Diplomas were presented to the class by Major Holmes, followed by benediction by Rev. Clyde M. Martin, pastor of the Congregational church.

The program closed with marehes by the band and "The Star-Spangled Banner." Three reeruits enlisted last night: Mrs. Ruth Bond, Mrs. Charles Read and Mrs. Ethel Balmis. They also were sworn in along with the class. The following were graduated: Margaret Page, Ruth Hale, Mary C. Hadley, Doris Musolino, Margaret Cameron, Elizabeth Bedell, Madelon Slater, Helen Noonan, Ruth Boynton, Helen Blake, Doris Cady, May Hadley, Miriam Ware and Grace Drew. The following also graduated but were unable to attend: Elizabeth Buck, Hannah O'Connors and Mary Gilligan. General dancing followed and punch was served.

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OPENING NEW WOMEN'S DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS AT WILMINGTON—Seated at a table in the new headquarters of the M. W. D. C. of Wilmington are Pvt. Mabel Read and Corp. May Hadley.

WILMINGTON SUGAR REGISTRATION—Shown here is the Wilmington sugar registration board at work at the Wilmington high school. Left to right—J. T. Hood, Jr., S. G. Bean, G. C. Kambour and Elizabeth Tibbetts.

WILMINGTON WAR SOUVENIRS — Shown admiring the war souvenir collection in Wilmington are, left to right: George Spanos, the owner; Pfc. Calvin Drew and Pfc. Howard Fawcett, USMC.

WILMINGTON June 23—George Spanos of Main street, has an amazing collection of photos of boys and girls that are in the service from this town, as well as many souvenirs. It is estimated that he has about 500 pictures of servicemen and women. He also has a frame which has coins from all parts of the world that were sent to him as well as a frame full of paper money from all parts of the globe.

He receives as many as 25 cards and letters each day and it is a known fact that when a boy or girl is home on furlough that they will not make their stay at home complete without a visit to his "little USO" as it is called. A large container has been placed on the counter that has, at the present time, about $200 which has been donated by the public and will be used by the servicemen when the war is over.

Among the souvenirs that include a 75 mm shell, that was brought back from Italy by Edward Murray; a grass skirt from New Hebrides, brought back by Barney Ring; a Jap bayonet that was made into a dagger by Albert Hart in New Caledonia; a coconut from Florida brought in by John Parsons; a German helmet brought by James Duggan from North Africa, and many gifts of pillow tops and banners. Many of the young school boys and girls read the letters and cards sent to George and send them a line or two to cheer them up.

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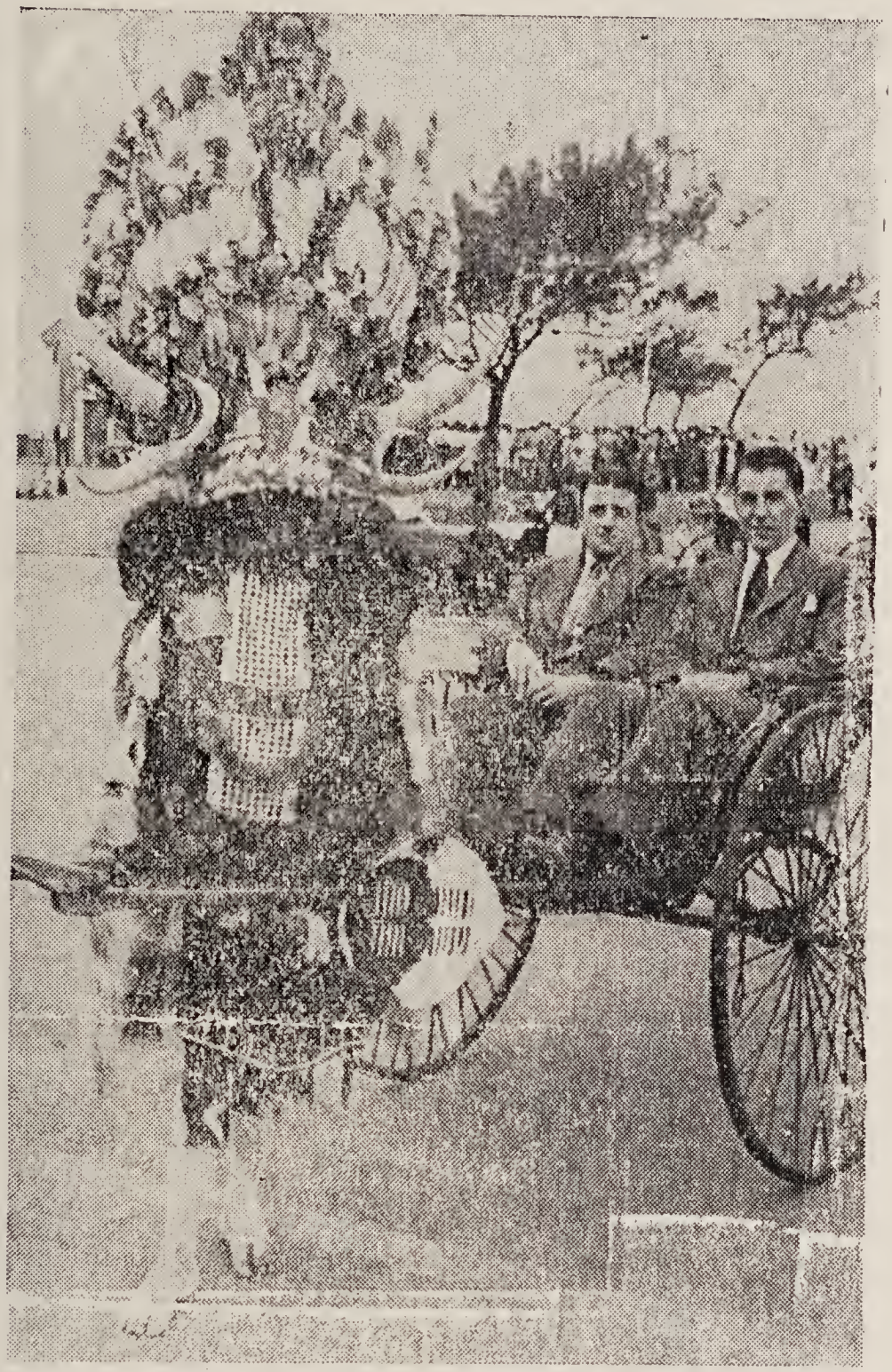

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BENJ. WALKER.

A Long and Useful Life Peacefully Ended.

HAD FILLED MANY POSITIONS WITH CREDIT AND SUCCESS.

A long, eminently useful and serene life is ended. Benj. Walker is dead. This announcement will be received with sorrow by the hundreds in this community who had long known and respected him, and with profound grief by that smaller circle of his intimates who knew and loved the man. No one was more trusted by his fellows, and none better deserved the confidence placed in him in many positions of honor and responsibility. In his life time he had many duties to perform, but he discharged them all with a fidelity which is not often surpassed. In the death of Benj. Walker Lowell loses a most worthy citizen, and his friends one who was endeared by many engaging traits of character.

Benj. Walker

Mr. Walker was taken ill at his desk in the J. C. Ayer company office on Monday morning, and was carried to his home. His symptoms were those of a partial shock of paralysis, for while he had not then lost consciousness, it was with difficulty that he could speak. At noon he had become unconscious, and remained so until life passed away at 5.40 Wednesday. The members of his household were at his bedside during his last hours.

Benjamin Walker, the son of Benjamin and Abigail (Tweed) Walker, was born in Wilmington, Middlesex county, June 24, 1822. He was a lineal descendant, through a family long settled in this country and distinguished in public service, from Captain Richard Walker, who came from England and settled in Lynn about 1630; also on the maternal side a descendant of Elder William Brewster of Plymouth.

His early education was received in the district school. He afterwards attended private institutions in Weymouth and Lowell, Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N. H., and the Lowell high school. Having graduated from the last-named school, he matriculated at the law school of Cincinnati, Ohio, but in consequence of the death of his father in 1840, he abandoned his legal studies and returned to Lowell.

His business career began in Philadelphia, as a member of the book-publishing house of Walker & Gillis. In 1847 he became a teacher of penmanship in the public schools of Lowell, and in 1850 was made paymaster of the Hamilton print works. After more than twelve years' service he resigned the position and on the 16th of June, 1862, entered the employ of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., as a correspondent clerk. He continued with this firm through the organization of the J. C. Ayer Co. in October, 1877; was for years their chief correspondent, and for six years prior to his death was clerk of the corporation, a position of great responsibility.

Mr. Walker entered political life as a member of the whig party, with which and its successors he has constantly acted. In 1860 and 1861 he was a member of the School Board; a member of the Common Council in 1865, 1866 and 1871; alderman in 1872, 1874 and 1875, serving on the committee which drafted and reported the present city charter; has been a justice of the peace since 1861, and a commissioner for Michigan since 1879; was chairman of the republican city committee for 1871, 1872, 1873 and 1874; has been a director, clerk and treasurer of the Lowell & Andover railroad since 1876; vice-president of the Central Savings bank; and a director in the Lowell Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

In local organizations, outside of business or politics, Mr. Walker has been a useful and prominent citizen; president of the Middlesex Mechanics association, and for several years chairman of its lecture committee; ten years president of the Lowell Choral society; member of the executive committee of the Old Residents association since its formation in 1868 and president of the association in 1895. He has been conspicuous and influential in musical circles, and was for thirty-seven years a church organist, twenty-six of these being with St. Anne's Episcopal church—the oldest church in the city.

He was one of the vestrymen of St. Anne's church. In 1871-72, during the small pox epidemic, he was an effective member of the citizens' committee. Mr. Walker went abroad in 1889, and upon his return wrote an interesting story of his travels under the head of "Aboard and Abroad." It was read with much pleasure by his friends.

Mr. Walker has also been a constant writer and critic for the local press. He was married in 1842 to Catharine Kimball, daughter of Josiah and Mary (Stark) Gillis, of Wilmington. Mrs. Walker died in 1874, leaving one daughter, Mary Catharine. His second marriage occurred in 1876 with Mrs. Mary E. Rix, daughter of William and Mary (Cline) Bryant, of Stoneham.

Always kindly, sympathetic and generous in dealing with his fellow man, Mr. Walker possessed the utmost confidence of all who knew him, and leaves behind a host of friends.

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At the morning service at the Congregational church in Wilmington yesterday the pastor, Rev. George J. Bloomfield, announced the news of the death of a former beloved pastor of the church, Rev. Elijah Harmon, who passed away at about 9 o'clock the previous evening at his home in Randolph, Mass.

Resolutions of sympathy for the bereaved family, and of appreciation for one who was once an earnest and indefatigable worker both in church and in town, were prepared and read by Chester W Clark and were unanimously adopted as the voice of the congregation which he served for 15 years. The church people will send a floral tribute to the funeral.

The funeral service which will be held tomorrow afternoon at Mr. Harmon's late home in Randolph will be attended by many of his former Wilmington parishioners and neighbors. The hour of the service is 2:45 o'clock. Friends going from Boston can leave the South station by the train starting at 12:45 for South Framingham, making the remainder of the journey by electrics, the Harmon home being about midway between South Braintree and Randolph centre.

The interment will be at Winchester, N. H., the scene of the departed clergyman's pastorate before coming to Wilmington. There also a service will be held on Wednesday afternoon, the details of which are in charge of the members of the local church.

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Since his departure from Wilmington in 1909, Mr. Harmon has been in failing health, and for the past two years has been completely helpless. During this time he has been faithfully ministered to by Mrs. Harmon and their daughter May who has made her home with her parents, and by their son, Dr. Gaius R. Harmon, of Norwich, Conn., and daughter, Mrs. George L. Hosmer, of Woburn, who have been frequent visitors.

Elijah Harmon was born at Hawley, Mass., March 22, 1835, a son of Gaius and Pempy (Vincent) Harmon. When still a boy he left home and went to Sunderland, in the western part of the state, becoming a member of the family of Dr. William Trow, making that his foster-home.

He received his early education at Williston seminary, Easthampton, Mass., and was graduated from Amherst college in the class of '61, and served through the civil war as a member of the 52d Massachusetts regiment. His service was that of a soldier of the line, and he won a sergeant's chevrons, and after the war he was chosen by his comrades to the post of chaplain in the organization formed to perpetuate old regimental associations.

Immediately following his military experience he entered Hartford theological seminary, from which he was graduated in 1867. During his days as a theological student he acted as pastor of a small colored church in Hartford.

Early after graduating from the seminary, he married Miss Luey Locke, adopted daughter of Rev. A. B. Smith of Buckland, Mass., and went to Winchester, N. H., where he became pastor of the Congregational church, continuing in that charge from 1867 until 1885, just prior to his call to Wilmington. Mr. Harmon's interest in school matters was, perhaps, secondary only to his devotion to his charge and his efforts to raise the standards of education in the town was productive of results that are felt and appreciated there to this day. He was, moreover, the scribe of that Congregational conference, and was declared by his contemporaries to be "the work horse of the conference." Early in this pastorate he lost his wife. Subsequently he married Miss Eunice Morse Smith, daughter of Rev. J. C. Smith, a returned missionary from Ceylon. She, however, lived but a short time. October 14, 1874, he married Miss Martha Alcesta Homans of Plymouth, N. H., who survives him, as do their three children. These are Mrs. (Lucy) George L. Hosmer, wife of a member of the corps of instruction of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a resident of Woburn, Miss May Flanders Harmon, and Dr. Gaius Elijah Harmon who is connected with the state insane hospital at Norwich, Conn.

The termination of Mr. Harmon's pastorate in Wilmington marked his retirement from the pulpit. In his personality were realized the spirit of Goldsmith's line:

"A man who was to all the country dear"

as was evidenced by an incident at the Wilmington pastorate. Members of his church and congregation arranged to give him a testimonial of their regard in the form of a donation party. The committee which was managing it was approached by a prominent member of the Catholic church in Wilmington who requested that the scope of the demonstration be enlarged, to include townspeople outside his congregation, that in their own number were many who would like to show their regard for the retiring clergyman as a fellow townsman, neighbor and personal friend.

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IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL GIVEN EX-REPRESENTATIVE H. N. BUCK

Religious Services and Informal Masonic Rites Performed at Late Residence—Wealth of Emblematic Floral Offerings

Although conducted simply and without ostentation, the funeral services for the late ex-Representative Herbert N. Buck of Wilmington yesterday were of a deeply impressive nature, and were largely attended by townsfolk and people from neighboring towns. Fully 150 gathered at the late home of Mr. Buck, in Middlesex avenue, near High street, Wilmington, where at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the funeral was held.

Rev. George J. Bloomfield, pastor of the Congregational church of Wilmington, of which Mr. Buck was a member since his boyhood days, conducted an informal service at the house.

The services were opened by singing "Lead, Kindly Light," by the Adelphi quartette of Boston, which was followed by Scripture reading by Rev. George J. Bloomfield, his text being "Lord, Hadst Thou been here our brother had not died." Another selection by the quartette, "It May Be in the Coming Years," was followed by the funeral sermon by the clergyman, who dwelt upon the strong and helpful character of the deceased, and the many ties that had enriched his life, in family, church, social, fraternal, and political connections. The eulogy, which was based upon an association of a number of years with the depatred, was peculiarly descriptive of the dead man's character, and was voiced in especially appropriate words, while the prayer which followed was eloquent with true feeling.

Chaplain Roscoe E. Millet of Friendship lodge, A. F. and A. M., the members of which attended in a body, offered prayer, following which Worshipful Master George L. Perry, with a few simple words, deposited in the casket the lambskin apron worn by Masons, and each member dropped upon the bier a sprig of acacia, emblematic of immortality. "Nearer My God, to Thee," by the quartette, ended the service at the house, which was followed at the grave in Wildwood cemetery by a simple service of committal Four brothers of the deceased were the bearers: Myron E., Sidney C. and George W. Buck of Wilmington, and Dr. Maurice A. Buck of Billerica.

The floral offerings, which attested the strength of the many ties which the deceased had formed, were of unusual beauty and profusion. All the organizations with which he was connected sent tributes, many of which were emblematic. These included Friendship lodge, the Reading Royal Arch chapter of Masons, Hugh de Payens commandery, Knights Templars, of Melrose, Acacia Chapter, O. E. S., Wilmington, Wilmington grange, P. of H., the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church of Wilmington, the Congregational club of Boston, and the New England Telephone & Telegraph company of which he was the local manager. Besides these, there were numerous tributes from personal friends. The Great and General Court of 1911, of which Mr. Buck was a member, was represented by his colleague from this district, Rep. Joseph H. Parker, Jr., who was accompanied by Mr. Buck's successor, Rep. Henry L. Andrews. Rep. Charles J. Wood of Cambridge, who was a fellow committeeman of Mr. Buck in the legislature, also attended.

The death of Mr. Buck occurred with tragic suddenness, early last Thursday morning, and while at first ascribed to acute indigestion, was later determined to have resulted from angina pectoris.

Herbert Nathan Buck—as his name stands upon the birth register of the Congregational church of Wilmington,—was 50 years old last March. He was a son of Nathan Edwin and Elvira Young (Bowles) Buck. His father was a native of Wilmington, his mother of New Hampshire. He obtained his early education in Wilmington public schools, being a graduate of the Wilmington high school. With the exception of a few years spent in Lowell, where he learned the grocery business, he has been a resident of Wilmington all his life. For a number of years he was employed by Jonathan Carter, who kept the grocery store which stood on the site of the present North Wilmington store of Buck Brothers. About 25 years ago Mr. Buck, together with his brothers, Sidney and George, brought out Mr. Carter, who was then in declining years, and organized the firm of Buck Brothers, Herbert assuming the management of the North Wilmington store, his brother George that of the store close by Wilmington depot. The firm prospered, and Mr. Buck had been reckoned for years as one of the substantial citizens of the town, his business dealings as well as his personal life having always been marked by scrupulous honesty and consideration for all with whom he had dealings.

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The Congregational church of Wilmington, of which he has been a devout and working member since his schoolboy days, entrusted him for years with its funds, as treasurer, a post which he relinquished on account of his increasing public duties. He was clerk of the church organization however, at the time of his untimely demise.

Mr. Buck had been a selectman of Wilmington for a number of terms in succession, likewise an overseer of the poor and an assessor. He was at the time of his death and had been for years a member of the Republican town committee.

In the autumn of 1910, Mr. Buck in response to the repeated urging of his friends, ran for the legislature from the 20th Middlesex district and was elected representative, serving his term in the house as the colleague of Representative Joseph H. Parker, Jr., then serving his first term. Mr. Buck was a member of the house committee on taxation. Owing to the oldtime Republican agreement by which Wilmington and several other small towns were to have one representative each every 10 years, he was excluded from running again. Enthusiastic friends pointed out to Mr. Buck that under the new direct primary law the old agreement was osbolete, but as he had been a party to the agreement under the old regime, he regarded it as binding upon him and he stoutly refused to be tempted. This enhanced his political popularity a great deal, and it had been urged upon him more than once that he had excellent prospects of going to the state senate at no distant day.

Mr. Buck had been for years a consistent member of Freindship lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Wilmington. He was a member of the Reading Royal Arch chapter, and of the Hugh de Payens commandery, Knights Templars of Melrose. Some three years ago Mr. and Mrs.

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Buck beame members of Wilmington grange, No. 268, Patrons of Husbandry, in which they have been earnest workers and liberal contributors on all occasions for the good of the order. The Congregational club of Boston was another organization to which Mr. Buck gave a great deal of time and in which he took a great amount of satisfaction.

At the time that the New England Telephone & Telegraph company extended its telephone service to Wilmington Mr. Buck undertook the conduct of the exchange, which was established at his store. Under his management the service has grown to a highly important one, a fact which is due in no small measure to Mr. Buck's tact and executive ability as manager, and it is in the nature of a monument to his management that the exchange was developed as the North Wilmington exchange rather than Wilmington, since he focalized the business on the north side of the town.

Mr. Buck leaves a widow, who was formerly Miss Emma Hamlen daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P Hamlen of Wilmington. Their home is in Middlesex avenue, less than a quarter of a mile from the store and the North Wilmington railroad station. They have three sons, Forrest Edwin, who is married and has an infant son; Rodney, who, with Forrest, is employed in the North Wilmington store; and Walter, who is still of school age.

Mr. Buck is survived by nine brothers and sisters: Myron Edwin Buck, Sidney Calvin Buck and George Warren Buck of Wilmington; Horace Sheldon Buck of Pasadena, California; Dr. MauriceAllen Buck of Billerica; Mary Elvira (Mrs. Warren Swain) of Newark, N. J.; Abbie Clark (Mrs. John Button) of Exeter, N. H.; Charlotte Susan (Mrs. James Radio) of Providence, R. I., and Nettie Maria, (Mrs. Edwin Haley) of Wilmington.

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Death of Mrs. Sabra J. Jaquith, An Old and Honored Resident.

(Special Correspondence.)

Wilmington, Nov. 15.—Miss Sabra J. Jaquith, a woman who has been identified with the town for eighty-two years, greatly beloved by her friends and highly esteemed by acquaintances, passed away on Wednesday evening, Nov. 13. She was born in Wilmington May 12, 1825. Here her early life was spent and her duties as teacher began. She afterwards accepted a position in Woburn and was promoted to the training school, where she taught until it became necessary to return home to assume the care of her aged mother, who lived to be within a few months of a centenarian—a living sacrifice to her filial obligations. Since her mother's decease she and her widowed sister have resided together. Several years ago she was stricken with paralysis, but was not thereby incapacitated to the extent that she could not mingle with the world, although her powers of locomotion were somewhat crippled. This was followed by a second shock, which caused her to become a helpless invalid, and it proved a great bereavement to her, being naturally of an active temperament. A strong attachment existed between the sisters and she received loving care and devotion to the end of life. The remaining sister is the last of the family.

The funeral services will be held at the house on Middlesex avenue, on Saturday, November 16, at 2 o'clock p. m.

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DR. MAURICE A. BUCK BURIED HERE THURSDAY

Billerica Doctor And Leading Citizen Formerly A Resident Of This Town

Funeral services were held yester day afternoon at the First Congregational Church in Billerica for Dr. Maurice A. Buck of that town, form erly a resident of Wilmington, his birthplace. The church which seats about four hundred people was crowded, and many of those in attendance found it necessary to stand in every available spot within.

Prior to the funeral services on Thursday, the beloved doctor's body lay in state at the Billerica Town Hall, where it was estimated that over two thousand people came to pay their last respects. Many of the business establishments in the town were dressed in black, signifying the mourning for the loss of a leading citizen and widely known physician who in the years gone by earned for himself and his family a splendid reputation and a wide circle of devoted friends.

In addition to the huge crowd of Mr. Buck's relatives and friends attending the funeral services, representatives from each order and organization to which he was a member as well as the members of the various town departments came to pay their last respects to a departed friend.

The church services were officiated by Rev. J. Harold Dale, pastor of the First Congergational Church, who gave the eulogy in which he stated that never was there a man more esteemed, nor never was there a man more missed by his passing. Rev. Arthur A. Simmons, pastor of the First Con-

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On Monday noon of this week, Dr. Buck was stricken with a heart attack and the following day passed away at his home at Billerica Centre at the age of 61 years.

Dr. Buck was born in Wilmington, June 6, 1874, the son of Edwin and Elvira (Bowles) Buck on Woburn Street. He attended the Wilmington Public Schools and later attended Phillips Academy in Andover. Following his education in Andover, he entered Harvard Medical School and graduated from that institution in 1898. Following his graduation from Harvard, he established his home and practice in Billerica where he remained until his death this week.

In addition to being a healer of the sick in the town in which he died, he was also known as a highly public citizen. For two terms he served as a Republican representative in the Legislature from the 8th district, and some years ago, he was a member of the constitutional convention. At the time of his death, he was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in Billerica, and Chairman of the Billerica School Committee.

DR. MAURICE A. BUCK BURIED THURSDAY

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gregational Church of Wilmington where Dr. Buck once attended, read the Scriptures, and was followed on the program by Rev. Harry Powell of the Baptist Chuch in North Billerica. Rev. A. W. Olson of the Unitarian Church of Billerica offered the closing prayer and benediction.

Following the ceremonies in the church a long funeral cortege consisting of about sixty automobiles and headed by seven cars loaded with the huge floral tribute, proceeded to Wilmington where the burial services were officiated by Rev. Simmons. It was estimated that about three hundred persons were in attendance at the burial exercises in Wildwood Cemetery at 3:30 on the same afternoon.

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He did not confine his activities to the medical and political field alone. At the itme of his death he held membership in the Reading Lodge of Masons; the Ahasurus council, Royal and Select Masters; the Pilgrim Commandery, the Knights Templars, and was a 32nd degree Mason, Scottish rite. He was also a member of Billerica lodge of Odd Fellows, Billerica Grange, Billerica Eastern Star, Billerica Rebekahs, Lowell lodge of Elks, and the Congregational church in Billerica.

Dr. Buck is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bessie C. (Cole) Buck, who also was a resident of this town; one brother, Mr. George Buck of Church Street, this town; one sister, Mrs. Charlotte Readio of Pawtucket R. I., and several nephews and nieces, some of whom make their residence in this town.

The pallbearers were Edwin Buck, Wilmington, Edward Neilson Wilmington, Ralph Buck, Derry N.H. Theodore Ware, Wilmington, Maxwell Carter, Brighton and Rodney Buck, Wilmington, all nephews of Doctor Buck. The funeral arrangements were under the direction of Undertaker Herbert Blake of Lowell.

- Billerica, Dec. 19.

Memorial exercises were held this evening in Howe high school auditorium for the late Dr. Maurice A. Buck, who served the town as a member of its School committee for more than 35 years and a selectman for 15 years and a program with appropriate and deserving tributes was offered by the town's foremost citizens, who had known him through his entire civic and professional career. Because of the Christmas season and on account of other events, there was not as large a gathering as might have otherwise been there to do honor to the man who was Billerica's first citizen for many years.

Nearly every town officer was present and members of the Board of Selectmen and School committee with whom he had served were there in a body. Moderator Charles H. Eames was the presiding officer and musical numbers were given by the Howe school orchestra and the Masonic male quartet of Lowell. Following the opening address of Chairman Eames, in which he paid his respects to the late physician, Rev. Harry H. Powell, pastor of the North Billerica Baptist church, gave the invocation.

Dr. A. Warren Stearns, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, represented the town government and suggested that a memorial might well be given to him by every town officer and citizen in serving the town as well as did Dr. Buck. Superintendent Eugene C. Vining of the School department gave a brief sketch of the late leader since he came here in 1898, from Harvard Medical school. He served the town as a member of the Board of Health in 1900; School committee, 1901 until his death; representative of the legislature 1918-1920 and selectman from 1921 to his death. He said that Dr. Buck had been closely identified with every school advancement and improvement for the past 35 years. The school enrollmen had grown, he said in that time, from 400 to 1561.

Dr. Archibald R. Gardner of Lowell represented the medical profession and spoke in the highest terms of Dr. Buck. He termed him a "country doctor, whose work was as valuable as that of the greatest medical scientist."

Dr. Gardner told of his intimate experiences with him and of his quiet, calm and efficient manner in handling the gravest cases. His associations with him were extensive and he paid him a splendid tribute as a doctor and also as a charitable citizen who labored for the good of his fellow man.

Mrs. Alice B. Rainie spoke as a fellow townsman and it might be said she also represented the mothers of Billerica in a most sincere address. She concluded her talk with the following poem to Dr. Buck:

He is not dead, his spirit could not die
He loved humanity too well to go,
Across a bridgeless chasm that would lie
Between us and our need of him. We know
That somewhere from the realm where he has gone
His ministry will reach us through the space
That lies between the darkness and the dawn
And hides from us the kindness of his face.
Somewhere his hands will reach to strengthen those
Which come to heal the sick among us here.
And from each dawn's first flush to twilight's close
His unseen presence will assuage all fear.
Memorials may crumble, but one stands
Eternal in our hearts, built by his hands.

Rev. Garret J. Condon, S. T. L., assistant pastor of St. Andrew's church, spoke eloquently of the late doctor and his words made a profound impression. "Night and Day, summer and winter, good and bad weather, Dr. Buck was about doing good. He cared not what a person's social standing was, as soon as he received a call he responded without delay," he said.

Rev. J. Harold Dale, pastor of the First Congregational church where Dr. Buck worshipped, was the final speaker and he described the loyal and patient manner in which he had performed his work. His experience with Dr. Buck dated back 32 years, he said.

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EX-SENATOR CLARK DIES IN WILMINGTON

Member of Boston Clubs, Living Here Winters

WILMINGTON, June 12—Hon Chester W. Clark of Wilmington and Boston died this morning at his home on Middlesex av at the age of 74. Despite an illness that confined Mr Clark to his bed the past few weeks the end came suddenly.

THE LATE CHESTER W. CLARK

Mrs Eliza Paige, a cousin, was with him when he died. His only other surviving near relative, Dr Warren Clark of Brockton, a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, was notified at once and was soon here.

His wife, formerly Miss Olive E. Flagg of Woburn, whom he married in 1920, died two years ago.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon by Rev Dr A. Z. Conrad of the Park Street Congregational Church, of which Mr Clark was for many years a member, assisted by Rev Mr Bloomfield of Providence, formerly of the Congregational Church here.

Mr Clark was a member of the Boston City Club, Boston Congregational Club and the American Bar Association and was for a number of years president of the Men's Club of the Park Street Church. For nearly a quarter of a century he was clerk of the Congregational Church here.

Mr Clark was born at Glover, Vt, in 1851, and was educated at the Orleans Liberal Institute in that State and at Phillips-Exeter Academy. He studied law in Boston with B. C. Moulton from 1874 to 1878, and on March 12, 1878, was admitted to the bar. He practiced in the Middlesex and Suffolk courts and in the United States courts.

He had held many town offices and was long the yearly choice as moderator of the town meetings. He was for many years chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

He was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1901, serving on the committees on judiciary and on a special committee on the revision of public statutes.

In 1904 he was elected to the Senate. During that year he was chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and a member of the Committee on Judiciary, Bills in Third Reading, Relations Between Employers and Employes and Street Railways.

In 1905 he was again chosen to represent the 6th District in the Senate. It was during this third term that he became known as a farseeing and painstaking legislator. He headed the Committee on Judiciary that year and was on the Committees on Public Lighting and Taxation. He was reelected in 1906, and during this last term was chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Public Lighting.

Mr Clark refused another term and from that time until his retirement several years ago devoted himself to his law practice, which he had carried on for 40 years in the Equitable Building in Boston. Mr Clark was always characterized by his courtesy and eveness of temper.

For the past few years he had led a somewhat sedentary life. Always a genial host and interesting talker he delighted in calls from his neighbor. During the Winter he lived at the Parker House in Boston, but with the first signs of Spring was back at his home here.

Mr Clark had traveled abroad and visited many ports of Central and South America. It was his frequent pleasure to gather together a group of friends and entertain them with stereoptican travel talks.

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SENATOR CLARK RITES MONDAY

Widely Known Wilmington Resident Died in His 75th Year

Funeral services for former state Senator Chester W. Clark of Wilmington and Boston, who died yesterday at his home in Middlesex avenue, Wilmington, will be held at the home at 3 P. M., Monday. The Rev. Dr. A. Z. Conrad, minister of the Park Street Congregational Church, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Bloomfield of Providence, formerly of the Wilmington Congregational Church.

Mr. Clark was 74 years old and was born at Glover, Vt. He was educated at the Orleans Liberal Institute in that state, and at Phillips Exeter Academy. He studied law in Boston with B. C. Moulton from 1874 to 1878, and was admitted to the bar in March of the latter year. He practised law in the Suffolk, Middlesex and United States courts.

He was elected to the state House of representatives in 1901, serving on the judiciary committee and a special committee on the revision of the public statutes. He was elected to the Senate in 1904. During that year he was chairman of the committee on constitutional amendments, committee on judiciary, committee on bills in third reading, committee on relations between employers and employes, and committee on street railways.

He was re-elected in 1905 and 1906. During the last term he was chairman of the judiciary committee and the committee on public lighting. He declined another term, and from that time until his retirement a few years ago devoted himself to his law practise, which he had carried on for 40 years. During the winter months he lived at the Parker House. He had traveled much abroad and had visited many ports in Central and South America.

He is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Eliza Paige, who was with him at the time of his death, and Dr. Warren Clark of Brockton, another cousin, who is a member of the state House of Representatives. Mr. Clark's wife, formerly Miss Olive E. Flagg of Woburn, died two years ago.

Mr. Clark was a member of the Boston City Club, Boston Congregational Club, and the American Bar Association. For a number of years he was president of the Men's Club of the Park Street Church, and for nearly 25 years was clerk of the Wilmington Congregational Church.

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A. Chandler Manning Is Laid At Rest

On Sunday morning, the news of the death of A. Chandler Manning of Glen Road brought sudden grief to his relatives, and to the wide circle of friends and admirers that he has won during his extremely active career.

He returned to his home on Sunday, July 29 with what seemed to be merely a severe cold. His condition rapidly became more serious and pneumonia set in. Dr. Ernest C. MacDougall, the son of a lifetime friend, and Dr. Halligan of Reading were in constant attendance; and Dr. William O'Brien, specialist at the City Hospital and Dr. J. P. Bixby of North Woburn, his old family physician, also attended him. The disease ran a rapid course, and despite their efforts, he succumbed at 12:55 Sunday morning.

He was buried from St. Thomas' Church Tuesday morning at 9:35 and interment was in Wildwood Cemetery, this town. A solemn high Mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joseph Sullivan who attended him during his illness. The deacon was Rev. Augustus McMahon and the sub-deacon was Rev. Joseph Murphy; and the Acolyte was the Rev. William Donovan, O. S. A. of Lawrence, formerly one of the pastors who conducted services in Wilmington when the local church was a mission of the Augustinian Fathers from Andover.

The Rev. Dennis Lee who is eighty years of age, pastor in Amesbury, was also on the altar. Father Lee was the first Catholic pastor in Reading and an old friend of Mr. Manning's family. He married Mr. Manning in St. Thomas' church twenty-five years ago.

The Rev. William Donovan, O. S. A. conducted the services at the grave assisted by the other priests. The pall bearers were Mr. Harold Fisher of Brookline, and New York, a young man who had been working for Mr. Manning in New York; William McMahon of Maynard; Mr. Louis Doucette, Herbert Barrows, Chester MacDougall, and Fred Springford of Reading. As honorary pall bearers, three members of the Wilmington Planning Board were present in the persons of Charles H. Black, Mr. Wallace Barrows, and Mr. Howard Bedell, and also Mr. Peter Neilson, member of the School Committee.

The ushers were Selectman Joseph F. Nee and Mr. Ernest Cail.

The flag on the Common was hung at half mast during the funeral services and it was the first time since the death of Selectman J. Thomas Holmes that a public official of this town has passed away.

Mr. A. Chandler Manning was born on December 15, 1874 at Reading, Mass. at the home which is now known as the Bancroft home on High Street. His father was the owner of the Reading Nurseries, one of the largest and earliest nurseries in this country. At the age of 24, upon the death of his father, he became manager of the Reading Nurseries and operated it for about ten years.

His early education was gained in the Reading public schools and he attended Mitchell Academy in Billerica for two years and the Choate School of Boston for one year. At that time, he was taking up medicine, but was forced to refrain from studying because of ill health.

In 1909, he married Roseanna T. Kelley of this town and built the home in which is still occupied by his family on Glen Road. Their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary would have been on the 18th of this November.

In 1910, he went into the employ of Olmstead Brothers landscape architects in Brookline, Mass., where until 1916 he travelled all over this country under their employ.

In 1916 he established an office for himself in Philadelphia.

In 1918, he went into the construction division of the War Department of the U. S. government as a camp planner covering the plants through the South and Southwest from Fort Myer to Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

After the Armistice, he continued with the construction division and during 1919 - 1921 he built two government towns each with a population of 5,000 namely Craddock and Tuxdon, Virginia.

From 1922 - 1924, he was in charge of a landscape office for Van Lindley Brothers in Greensboro, North Carolina.

From 1924 to 1928, he was in charge of landscaping for the Breck's Nurseries in Lexington, Mass.

In 1928, he returned to the employ of Olmsted Brothers.

He was planting superintendent in the construction of Fort Tryon Park in Washington Heights, New York City. He had completed his work there and was to take charge of the landscape work at a C. C. C. camp at Goshen, Mass.

He returned home with a severe cold which developed into pneumonia, and soon after resulted in his death.

In 1928, he was asked to assist in the planning of camps and was commissioned at that time as a captain in the Quartermaster Reserve in the U. S. Army. Although not an active veteran, he always took a great interest in military activities and in the Veterans' organizations in this town. When ever he was at home on Memorial Day, he never failed to march in the parade.

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all wars. He was a member of the original water board with Mr. C. S. Harriman and Mr. Edward N. Eames, but due to his removal to North Carolina temporarily, he had to relinquish that activity. In general he was interested in all phases of town local government and was always willing to offer his services and experience without compensation. His primary interest was in community benefit.

He is survived by his widow Roseanna T. Manning, his son Edward Chandler Manning, Harvard '32; three brothers Warren H. Manning, nationally famous landscape architect of Waltham; J. Woodward Manning, of Duxbury, nationally known horticulturist; Benjamin Manning of Allston, and a sister-in-law, Mary A Kelley. Another brother, the late William Manning died six years ago, and formerly was superintendent of parks in Baltimore, Md.

Funeral arrangements were in charge of Joseph B. McMahon.

WILMINGTON

Hundreds Attend Funeral Services for John Thomas Holmes, Local Selectman.

Wilmington, Dec. 3.

The largest attended funeral service ever held in this town was held at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon from the Congregational church for John Thomas Holmes, Rev. Arthur A. Simmons of the Congregational church and Rev. B. G. Seaboyer of the Methodist church, officiating. Rev. Mr. Seaboyer delivered the eulogy and prayer was offered by Rev. A. A. Simmons. Mrs. Guy E. Nichols sang "Garden of Prayer" and "Face to Face" during the service. Rev. Mr. Seaboyer spoke from the text taken from Jeremiah 15-9, "His Sun Has Gone Down While it Was Yet Day."

Mr. Holmes was accorded full military honors. The ushers at the church were members of Post 136, American Legion, Walter Fitch, Howard Bedell, Roger Buck and Clarence Doucette. A large delegation was present from the Edison Overseas Association, Mr. George Littlewood, commander. Among the notables in military circles present were Harold D. Ames, representing Middlesex county; Cmdr. John H. Walsh, Daniel Doherty, department commander; Stephen Garrity, former department commander of the American Legion; Representative Harry Dunlap Brown, and others. Delegates were present from many posts of the American Legion, among them being Posts 101, Woburn; 259, Tewksbury; 268, Billerica; 87, Lowell; 115, 165, 280, 48, 17, 60, 62, 69, 154, 281 and Post 543, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Woburn; also the auxiliaries of the various organizations and the local troops of Boy Scouts.

The various organizations were commanded by Barry Keehan of post 114, past commander of Norfolk county. The officials of the town were also present almost 100 per cent. The body was escorted to its final resting place in the Tewksbury cemetery by a procession more than half a mile long.

At the cemetery the services were under the combined direction of Wilmington post 136, American Legion and Nee-Ellsworth post, 2458, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The committal prayers were read by Chaplain Joseph T. Kelley of Nee-Ellsworth Post, V. F. W., the firing squad being members of Wilmington Post, 136, A. L. The bearers were Frank Poitrast, Louis Kennedy and Fred Lloyd, representing Nee-Ellsworth Post V. F. W., and LeRoy B. Bedell, Edwin J. Twomey and Past Cmdr. Frederick J. MacQuaide, of Wilmington Post, 136.

The flag draped casket was banked high and the chancel of the church was also filled with beautiful floral tributes. Undertakers Edward M. Nichols & Son were in charge.

Mr. Holmes was serving his third term as selectman of this town, was past commander of Wilmington Post, 136, and also past commander of the Edison Overseas Association, of which company he was a valued employee for the past 26 years. The outpouring of veterans from all over the state and the auxiliaries from surrounding towns, together with the large delegation of associates of the Edison Co., the equally large delegation of town officials, with whom he has been associated for the past two and a half years, friends and neighbors, reflected the respect and high esteem in which he was held. The memory of his example will live for years to come.

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OLDEST RESIDENT LAID AT REST

Mrs. Mary Ann McIntosh, widow of Captain George W. McIntosh, died at her home on Main Street, on Wednesday, January 10, after being ill for two weeks.

Mrs. McIntosh was Wilmington's oldest resident and was born in Pownell, Maine on December 12, 1839 her maiden name being Mary Ann Plummer. After living in Maine for a short time, she went to New Orleans, Louisiana, where she lived for a few years. During her stay at New Orleans, she married Captain George W. McIntosh, and made several trips back and forth from New Orleans to Boston on board his ship. Her life was very eventful, especially while at sea, where she has been the survivor of a ship wreck. Because of the nature of her husband's work she travelled thousands of miles on board the historic old sailing vessels.

Coming from New Orleans, she established her residence in Wilmington on Main Street, at the house which still stands. At that time, there were very few houses in that locality, and the woods came up to the back door. For over seventy-five years, she has lived in the same house, and has seen the many change of the town in that long period.

Mrs. McIntosh is the mother of nine children. The four surviving children are Sehamiel R. McIntosh, of Wilmington; George W. McIntosh of West Medford; John R. McIntosh, of Wilmington; and Willie B. McIntosh, also of Wilmington. There are two granddaughters, Mrs. Stanley Webber, of Main Street, this town; and Miss Marion McIntosh, of West Medford; and one great granddaughter, Miss Julia Ann Webber, of Wilmington.

Funeral services were held on January 12, at two o'clock from her late home on Main Street, and were private with only relatives and immediate family attending. The soloist at the services was Mrs. Wilbur Staveley, who sang, "Nearer My God to Thee." and "Jesus lover of My Soul." These two hymns were favorites of Mrs. McIntosh.

Reverend Benjamin Seaboyer of the Methodist Episcopal Church was the clergyman, and the funeral was in charge of Undertaker Guy E. Nichols. Her burial was in the family lot in Wildwood Cemetery.

The bearers were all neighbors of the deceased and included Mr. Howard Horton, Mr. LeRoy Twombly, Mr. Morris D. Laffin and Mr. George Irons.

WILMINGTON.

Lemuel Cobb Eames, descended from one of the oldest families in Wilmington, died in that town on Sunday last, aged 81 years and 9 months. Death came to him in the same house in which he was born and lived all his life, and in which his father and grandfather lived and died. His father, who was a farmer, died when he was quite young, and as the son grew up the care of the farm fell to him, and upon it he worked industriously. His education was obtained from the public schools of his native town and Phillips Academy at Andover. Soon after leaving school he commenced the meat and provision business, which, in connection with farming, he carried on continuously until about 25 years ago, when he was succeeded in it by his sons.

The deceased was a man naturally endowed with more than ordinary parts, having a logical mind, clear discernment, forcible expression and a dignified appearance. His character was upright and he was generally looked to by his townsmen for advice and leadership in public affairs. He held town offices continuously for more than 25 years, having many times been elected town clerk, chairman of selectmen, assessor, overseer of the poor, school committee, etc., and also represented his district in the lower branch of the Legislature in the years 1850, 1860 and 1871. He was a Republican from the formation of that party and strongly supported its principles, being especially active for the interests of his country during the late war, and among other things performing valuable services in filling the quotas of the town. He was a member of the Congregational church from 1867 and for many years its clerk.

Early in life Mr. Eames married Catherine Howard of North Reading, who died a little over a year ago. Four children survive, namely, L. Holmes Eames of Andover, Henry M. Eames of Woburn, and Clara A. and J. Howard Eames of Wilmington.

The malady with which the deceased was afflicted had prevented him from participating in the activities of life during the last few years, and the end came after a decline that had been long and gradual. He has passed away, but the impressions of his personality remain. Few, if any, will come after him whose influence will be as strongly felt as was his, in matters pertaining to the business and welfare of the town.

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DWARD B. EAMES OF WOBURN STREET DIES

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Edward Bradley Eames of Wo-rn Street, long a resident of ilminton and active in both pub-c and social affairs, died Tuesday ternoon at the Winchester Hos-al after a lengthy illness. Mr. mes was well known and well oved in Wilmington and leaves ny relatives and friends who l mourn his passing.

He was born in Wilmington, A-15, 1856, eldest and second of children of the late Nathan dley and Sarah (Swain) Eam-He recieved his education in Wilmington schools and went o the lumbering business. He re-ained in this business throughout s life and even up to this ear, was still actively engaged in his pursuit. He was cutting this inter a large wood lot which he rned on Park Street.

Mr. Eames was very active in political circles and received high honors in public life During the years 1916 and 1917, he served as Representative to the General Court from this district. At that time, he was living in Reading but the district included Wilmintgon. He later served as State Senator in the years 1918 and 1919. For five years, he was street commissioner of the town of Reading and served on the Reading Board of Assessors for seven years. At the time of his death, he was treasurer of the Marblehead Ice and Fuel Company. He was also prominent in banking circles in Reading.

In recent years, he moved back to Wilmington and built a beautiful home on Woburn Street adjacent to the old family homestead where he was born and reared. He was greatly enamored of his new home and when he realized his last hours were approaching, he expressed a

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wish to die there. His condition was so serious however, that any hope of removing him from the hospital had to be given up. Mr. Eames was twice married, his first wife being Clara Young of Reading. Their daughter, the late Louise Burrage was the wife of Albert L. Burrage of Reading.

Mr. Eames was very prominent in Masonic circles. He was Past Master of Good Samaritan Lodge, A.F. and A.M, Reading; past eminent commander of Reading Commandery, Knights Templars; a member of Reading Royal Arch Chapter, and of Alleppo Temple. He was also a member of Security Lodge, I O O F of Reading. He was a charter member of the Boston Marketmens Relief Association.

He leaves besides his wife, Winnifred Emerson Eames, three brothers, Frank L. Eames, town treasurer of Wilmington; Arthur W. Eames of Woburn Street, this town, and Fred A. Eames, now in Florida. One sister, Mrs. Emma Buck of Melrose, also survives.

Among his nieces and nephews are: Ernest W. Eames, Gertrude (Eames) Allgrove, and Roger Buck of Wilmington; Percy E. and Amy F. Buck of Melrose and Mrs. Pauline (Eames) Carpenter of Boston.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock from the Unitarian Church, Reading on Friday afternoon Mr. Eames will be buried in the Reading Cemetery. Edgerley and Bessom are in charge of funeral arrangements..

NATHAN BRADLEY EAMES

With the death on Thursday morning, Sept. 8th, of Nathan Bradley Eames of No. Wilmington, there closed a life, ripe with its 92 years—typical of the sturdy old New England stock.

Born in Wilmington, June 18, 1829, son of Nathan and Mary Buck Eames, on the old homestead at Buck's Corner, he lived the simple boyhood life of the times. As a young man, he worked on the railroad, later was a butcher, sending carts as far as Lynn, and for many years was a wholesale and retail dealer of ice and coal in Wilmington, retiring from active life at 70 years, to devote his time to his farm.

For many years he was Selectman of the Town of Wilmington and a member of the Congregational Church.

On Thanksgiving day, 1852, he married Sara Willey Swain, of Wilmington, who shared with him 59 years of true comradeship. Mrs. Eames died in January, 1912.

One daughter and four sons survive. Mrs. Edw. Buck, of Melrose; Edward B. Eames, of Reading; Arthur W., Frank L. and Frederick A., of Wilmington. Four granddaughters, Mrs. A. L. Burrage, of Reading; Miss Pauline Eames and Miss Gertrude Eames, of Wilmington; Miss Amy Buck, of Melrose. Three grandsons—Percy E. Buck, of Melrose; Roger C. Buck and Ernest W. Eames, of Wilmington; and seven great grandchildren.

Stern, New England heritage made him strong and firm of character, fair minded in his dealings with men,—a type of rugged uprightness until the end.

Services will be held from his home on Woburn st., Wilmington, Sunday, Sept. 11th, at 2.30 p. m.

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Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell Passed Away Sunday

Town's First Physician Succumbs To Long Illness. Gave of His Services for 45 Years in Town. Was Much Loved by Everyone

Wilmington sustained a real loss with the passing, early last Sunday morning, of Dr. Daniel Thompson Buzzell, for 45 years the tireless and conscientious family doctor to a widely scattered rural population and for 45 years the agent of the Wilmington Board of Health. For many of these years, notably at the outset of his career here, and at intervals again in later life, he was as the townspeople's only reliance in event of a sudden sickness that necessitated medical aid promptly and near at hand. The fidelity of his response, both when he was the only medical practitioner in town and later even in the final year of his practice, was like that of the faithful soldier. Many men and women now active in the affairs of the town first opened their eyes to the light of day under Dr. Buzzell's ministrations, and so, in like manner, did many of their children; while not a few are alive today because of his devotion and medical skill.

Setting up as a practitioner here in days when conditions were typical of the old-fashioned country's life, he spared himself nothing of the privation and hardships that are the lot of that rapidly vanishing fraternity. It was the day of the doctor's horse and buggy —in the winter the sleigh—when he started out in practice. A midnight blizzard, the small hours of a winter morning, with the temperature below zero, a torrential downpour with roads like quagmires, were no guarantee against a despairing call for help from some remote corner of the town, or even from some family in a neighboring town that had especial faith in Dr. Buzzell. The call was always answered, no matter what the hour of the night or the inclemency of the weather.

Before the day of modern prophylaxis, the epidemics of smallpox, typhoid, scarlet fever and diphtheria severely taxed the vital strength as well as the professional resourcefulness of many a country practitioner, and Dr. Buzzell had his share of trials in these dark periods. It was characteristic of him that even in his later years he never turned a deaf ear to a call for succor, no matter how black the night, how long the way, how bad the road or how bitter the weather to be brayed. In the grim days of the influenz epidemic during the world war, when it seemed that he had earned a respite, if ever a man had, he was abroad by day and by night combatting the public enemy. Unquestionably, on this and many other occasions, he gave freely of his health and strength that were never regained, and many in Wilmington owe it to his skill in baffling

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disease they were spared to lives of usefulness.

He was one of those happily constituted practitioners whose lot it is to bring cheer into the sick chamber; a living embodiment of the truth "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Acquainted with every emotion that sweeps the human heart, his bedside manner was accustomed to bring reassurance, that often turned the scale in the fight against sickness.

In almost a lifetime spent in Wilmington he had acquired a familiarity with the town, its annals, its people and their characteristics that made him more like an old resident of the place than like one who had come in from a neighboring state. He had an exceptional gift for absorbing folklore and tradition, and it was no wonder that he was familiar with the genealogy of families whereof he had doctored often four and sometimes five generations. Every incident having to do with the history of Wilmington he knew as he knew the public highways, and he was able to give valuable assistance to those who prepared the historical material for the recent celebration of the 200th anniversary of the town.

In addition to being the agent of the Wilmington Board of Health he had been a trustee of the public library and had held one or two other trusteeships in the town administration. He was too big a man—too subject to instant draft on the public service—to aspire to any of the major town offices; yet he was always active in town affairs, one of the most vigilant and outspoken in matters concerning the public good.

Dr. Buzzell was born in Lee, N. H., April 19, 1857, and was therefore rising 74 years of age. His parents were Burnham and Ann Mary (Bickford) Buzzell. He was one of three children and his two sisters survive him; Susie, who is Mrs. James Fountain of Pasadena, California, and Mrs. Abbie Bennett of Newmarket, N. H. He was a graduate of the University of Vermont Medical School, taking his degree of Doctor of Medicine there in 1883. He practiced in Roxbury, Mass., about a year and came to Wilmington to settle in 1885. It was that year that he received his first appointment as agent of the Board of Health. He married Miss Mary Louisa White, daughter of Silas and Maria White, of Wilmington. Mrs. Buzzell survives him. She, like the Doctor, is well known to the people of Wilmington and has been during her life active in the affairs of the Congregationalist Church, the Wilmington Woman's Club, the Ladies Benevolent Society of the Congregationalist Church, and other organizations. They have one son, Philip B. Buzzell, a practising attorney in Boston and a resident of Middlesex ave., North Wilmington; and two grandchildren. The house in which Dr. Buzzell has lived the greater part of his life in Wilmington he built 36 years ago, on Main st., near the corner of Middlesex ave.

The Doctor was one of the charter members of Friendship Lodge, A. F. and A. M. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon college fraternity, and likewise of the Eastern Middlesex District Medical Society, of which he recently was president.

During the winter of 1928-29 Dr. Buzzell took a motoring trip to California, being gone approximately two months and great encouragement was felt by his family and friends that the rest and change had greatly benefitted his health. He was besought to spare himself further hard work and husband his energies and devote himself to those nearest and dearest to him. This was all very well until a call came from some old-time patient who particularly wished his administrations, who felt, as many did "Dr. Buzzell understands me." He was soon back in the harness again.

Within the past few months, however, it became plain that he would have to take counsel of his own health, and gradually he has been relinquishing his extensive practice to Dr. Lyman R. Orton, who moved into Wilmington within the year to relieve Dr. Buzzell of his responsibilities. The latter was still accessible to old patients who wanted his personal advice, but had made up his mind to go out on calls very seldom, and only in special cases. Only recently he gave away his car to the young man who for a number of years had driven him about and who had driven him across the continent, presenting the gift with the remark that he would want to be taken out once in a great while. It was not long after this that the call for him came.

Impressive Services for Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell

Entire Town Pays Tribute to Veteran Physician on Wednesday Afternoon

Funeral services for Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his home, Main st., Rev. Stead Thornton of the Methodist church; Rev. George Bloomfield, a former pastor of the Congregational church, and Rev. Trthur A. Simmons of the Congregational church, officiating. A large delegation from Friendship Lodge, A. conducted. The Weber male quartet was a charter member, was present and the Masonic funeral service was F. and A. M., of which Dr. Buzzell sang, "Lead, Kindly Light," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and "Abide with Me," during the service.

The house was filled with relatives and friends to pay their last respects to one whose memory will live in the hearts of the townspeople.

Business in all the stores of the town was suspending during the service and the flag on the common was at half mast.

Burial was in Wildwood cemetery, under the direction of William Cavanaugh.

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Death of Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell, Well Known Resident, Mourned by Community.

Wilmington, Dec. 22.

Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell, one of this town's best known and most widely esteemed residents, died Sunday at his home in Main street, after an illness that had extended over the past year.

Forty-five years ago, a young man then recently graduated from the University of Vermont Medical school came to Wilmington and hung up his shingle—Daniel T. Buzzell, M. D. His professional life began at once and has continued ever since. For 45 years he has been Wilmington's favorite doctor; for a great part of that time, her only one. No one knows how many miles he has covered or how many horses and automobiles he has worn out.

Wilmington honored and loved its old family doctor, one of the "general practitioners," who have almost disappeared from the world.

Upon coming to Wilmington "Thy People Shall Be My People" seemed to be the watchword of his life and among local people there is no man who obtained such an intimate and accurate grasp of the problems of men and conditions as did Dr. Buzzell. He obtained results, also. It is one thing to diagnose, it is another to cure, and it is still another to build good will at the same time. Dr. Buzzell did all and did them exceptionally well.

The impression of his life among local residents can not be limited by the number of years which he was permitted to have lived here, but rather by the tremendous results of accomplishment during that time. The deeds of charity of Dr. Buzzell will never be known and his place in the community can never be filled. Words fail to adequately describe the sterling worth and character of Dr. Buzzell, who rose to eminince by merit alone, lived respected and his memory will live for years to come.

Dr. Buzzell was a charter member of Friendship lodge, A. F. and A. M., and Masonic services will be held at his home in connection with the funeral.

Besides his wife, Mary Louise (White), he is survived by one son, Philip B. Buzzell, local town counsel; two sisters, Mrs. Abbie Bennett of Newmarket, N. H., and Mrs. Susie Fountain of Pasadena, Calif., and two granddaughters.

In Memoriam

One by one earth ties are broken
And we see our loved decay,
And our hopes so fondly cherished
Brighten but to pass away.
One by one our hopes grow brighter
As we near the shining shore;
For we know across the river
Wait the loved ones gone before.

Daniel T. Buzzell, M. D.

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MRS. MARY BUZZELL PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Mary Louise Buzzell of Main Street passed away at her home on Sunday afternoon June 17th after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Buzzell was a lifelong resident of Wilmington and was held in the highest esteem by her wide circle of friends and neighbors who were saddened by her passing although the end was not unexpected.

Since the death of her husband, Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell, beloved physician of this town, Mrs. Buzzell had kept to the seclusion of her home on Main Street. For the past few years she had been confined to her bed but had radiated a spirit of kindly friendship and optimism in spite of her own afflictions.

Until the death of Dr. Buzzell, Mrs. Buzzell had been prolific as a short story writer and a writer of children's tales and had won many prizes for her excellent stories. She was a great lover of nature and was an authority on horticulture and ornithology, having made a deep study of the flowers and birds of New England.

She is survived by a son, Philip, a Boston attorney who makes his home in North Wilmington and two grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held at her late home on Wednesday June 19th at 2 o'clock p.m. with the Rev. Arthur Simmons, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Wilmington officiating.

Although a desire had been expressed to omit flowers at the funeral, there were many floral tributes, showing the esteem and respect in which she was held by all who came in contact with her.

Among those present at the services were Dr. Daniel Cantwell of North East; Maryland, a friend of the family for many years, and Mrs. Bennett of Newmarket; N.H.; a sister of the late Dr. Buzzell.

Selections were rendered at the services by the Pilgrim Male Quartet of Boston; who sang several favorite hymns of the deceased.

Among them were "Lead Kindly Light;" Beautiful Isle of Somewhere"; and "Abide With Me".

Burial was in Wildwood Cemetary under the direction of Funeral Director William S. Cavanaugh. The committal service was read by the Rev. Mr. Simmons.

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TWO LOCAL FIREMEN ARE KILLED IN TEWKSBURY

Wilbur Sheldon and Russell Pratt Sacrificed Their Lives in Attempt To Check Fire

One of the most shocking tragedies, recorded in the history of the town of Wilmington, was the death of Wilbur Sheldon, 28, a clerk of the treasury department of the Boston & Maine R.R., and of Russell Pratt, 44, a painter. Both men, volunteer members of the Wilmington Fire Department, were crushed while fighting a stubborn blaze early Sunday morning, Sept. 11.

The fire broke out in the basement of a house on Dudley Road, owned by Frank Goggin, an employe of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Mr. Goggin had burned some rubbish Saturday afternoon and it is believed that smouldering embers in the base of the heater were responsible for the blaze that levelled his house to the ground.

Mr. Goggin was awakened by the intense heat, and sprang out of bed. He dashed to the stairs, only to find them engulfed in a swirl of angry flames. Immediately seeing that this avenue of escape was closed he dashed back into his room and aroused his wife and son.

He then led them through the smoke-filled hallways to a window overlooking the piazza roof. Seizing a chair he shattered the window, and followed by his wife and son, climbed out onto the roof and jumped to the ground. Mrs. Goggin passed their son, Robert, aged two and a half, to her husband, and then jumped herself. After Mr. Goggin was assured that his little family were safe, he hastened to summon help. After considerable delay the fire department was called but it was too late to be of much use. Three hose lines were thrown onto the burning house and a steady stream of water poured out.

At the nozzle of one of the hose lines were Wilbur Sheldon and Russell Pratt. These two men had been pouring water into the cellar, but raising their stream it struck the red-hot chimney. With a deafening roar, the chimney crashed to earth burying the two firemen under a heap of hot debris.

As soon as the men were extricated, a cry for automobiles was sent out. Mr. Ernest Pellitier and Mr. William Walsh responded, and rushed the injured men to the Tewksbury State Hospital. Dr. Gardner of St. John's Hospital at Lowell was summoned, and worked over the men for a considerable length of time, but in spite of his skill they passed away, Mr. Sheldon at 9 o'clock and Mr. Pratt an hour and a half later.

The entire town of Wilmington is in mourning for the two deceased heroes. The flags were flown at half-mast and the front of the fire house was draped in deep mourning. The two men were buried Tuesday with all the due reverence of heroes of their calibre.

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Mr. Sheldon is survived by his wife and a three-year-old daughter. He was one of the most popular men of this town. He was treasurer of the Methodist Episcopal Church and steward of Friendship Lodge, A. F. and A. M. His father was formerly a selectman and now holds the office of Superintendent of the Saugus Town Farm.

Mr. Pratt, of Main Street, is survived by his wife and a seventeen-year-old son.

Chester Horton, 34, and married, of Swain Road, Wilmington, is under treatment for lacerations and bruises on his left arm and shoulder. Jerome O'Leary also of the Wilmington Fire Department, narrowly escaped injury. He had been working on the same line with the three injured firemen, but left to look for a lantern just before the chimney fell. Mr. O'Leary is a former commander of the Wilmington post of the American Legion, and has a mentionable record as a fireman.

The fire was a terrible blow to Mr. Goggin, who has just moved into the house. The damage was estimated at $7,000.

Mr. Wilbur A. Sheldon was born 28 years ago in the month of September, and came to Wilmington as a boy. He attended the Wilmington High School from which he was graduated in 1918, and went to work in the Treasury Department of the Boston & Maine R. R. He was a prominent member of Friendship Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Wilmington. He was also active in the M. E. Church of which he was a member, also church treasurer, and was the first president of the Epworth League. He was an officer in the Knights of King Arthur when that order was in force. He was married five years ago, September 13th, to Miss Olive May Carter of Wilmington. Mr. Sheldon was of a sunny disposition and very popular in town and also with the office staff where he worked. He had the faculty of making friends, and had won for himself a high place in the esteem of all who knew him. He was a young man the town could ill afford to lose and he has left an example of good, clean living for the younger generation to follow. He leaves his widow. Mrs. Olive May Sheldon, and daughter, Ruth Bryant Sheldon, age 3; also his father, Asa G. Sheldon, and step-mother, Susie Sheldon; a brother, Arthur Sheldon, and a step-sister, Catherine, to whom sympathy is extended.

OBITUARIES

Last Sunday morning the town of Wilmington was stunned by the news that in the early hours of the morning, two of their firemen had been killed as the result of a falling chimney weakened by fire in the town of Tewksbury. The Wilmington fire department responded to a call for help and had practically extinguished the fire when Mr. Wilbur A. Sheldon and Mr. Russell L. Pratt were felled by the falling chimney which they could not see in the dark. They were rushed to the hospital at Tewksbury where everything humanely possible was done to save them, but to no avail as both men passed away Sunday morning, thus throwing the whole town into deep mourning. Prayers were offered on their behalf at all the churches in Wilmington during the Sunday morning services. The funeral took place at the M. E. Church, Tuesday afternoon at 2.30. This double funeral service had been preceded by a Masonic funeral for Mr. Sheldon by members of the local lodge. A service was conducted for the family at the home of Mr. Pratt at 12.30. The Rev. Stead Thornton officiated, at the home and also at the church.

The American Legion held a brief service at the home of Mr. Pratt and again at the grave, concluding with taps and salute. A firing squad from Charlestown was present.

Mr. Pratt was born in East Boston March 5, 1883 and came to Wilmington 17 years ago at which time he wed Miss Emma A. Butters. At an early age he served on Lightship 54 and in 1914 enlisted in the navy for service and received his honorable discharge in 1919. Mr. Pratt became a prominent member of the Wilmington Fire Department having joined in 1911. He took great interest in the work and served for a time as lieutenant. He was a sign painter and many of the signs in the town will be a reminder to his friends of his ability. He was of a quiet disposition, kind, and always ready to "do a good turn" whenever possible. He was a member of the Men's Forum. He died in the cause of humanity, at his post like a man, answering the call of distress. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Emma A. Pratt, a son, Albert Russell Pratt, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Bingham, to whom we extend our deep sympathy.

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Former Selectman Dies in Maine

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, March 15 — The town mourns the death of Edward N. Eames, age 89, who died at the home of his son, Dr. Harold N. Eames at Brunswick, Me., Saturday morning. He was born in Wilmington, and lived here all his life with the exception of four years in Maine. He had been in the lumber business for many years, retiring in 1944. He was selectman of this town for four years, moderator for 25 years, trustee of the library for years. He was the first member of the board of water commissioners, the first field driver, and also a trustee of trust funds. He was a representative in the legislature for the years 1923 and 1924.

He is survived by his wife, Mattie E. (Nichols) Eames; one son, Dr. Harold N. Eames of Brunswick, Me.; four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He was a past master of the Friendship lodge, and was a member of the chapter and commandery of Reading. He was senior past patron of the Acacia chapter of the Eastern Star. The funeral will be from the Congregational church in Wilmington Wednesday, March 17, at 2 p. m. Burial will be in Wildwood cemetery. Friends and relatives may call at the Nichols funeral home Tuesday from 7 to 10 p. m.

The funeral of Edward N. Eames was held yesterday afternoon with Capt. Rev. Clyde Martin and Rev. Stanley Cummings of the Congregational church in charge of the services. Mrs. George Kambour was the organist. Representatives of the Masonic lodge and Order of the Eastern Star were present. The bearers were three grandsons, Edward Eames, Harold Eames, and Leonard Eames, all of Brunswick, Me., and Harry Cutter of Wilmington. Burial was in the family lot in Wildwood cemetery, with Capt. Rev. Clyde Martin reading the committal prayers at the grave. Guy E. Nichols was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

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Final Rites for Frank L. Eames

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Feb. 1—The funeral of Frank L. Eames, 92, of Middlesex avenue, was held Tuesday from his late residence. The minister in charge was Rev. Royal W. Ferguson of Hartford, Conn. Burial was in the family lot in Wildwood cemetery. Mr. Eames retired in 1941 as town treasurer of Wilmington after serving in that capacity for over 30 years. Survivors include a nephew, Ernest Eames and two nieces, Mrs. Charles Allgrove and Mrs. Victor Carpenter. Guy Nichols was in charge of funeral arrangements.

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Mother, Knowing 3 Sons Dead, Waits Word of Missing Boy

By JAMES R. McLAUGHLIN

WILMINGTON, Nov. 30—A 71-year-old mother, enjoying her declining years with the comforts furnished by four "fine boys," is bravely trying to hold up under the shock of the death of three of them and the probable death of the fourth in the Cocoanut Grove disaster.

The dead men are James Fitzgerald, 37, Wilfred Fitzgerald, 31, and Private Henry Fitzgerald, 28, and the missing one is John Fitzgerald, all sons of Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald of Fitz terrace, Wilmington.

Unlike most of the parties being staged at Cocoanut Grove at the time, this was purely a family affair, staged by three of the brothers as a joyous welcome home to First-Class Private Henry Fitzgerald, who came home on a furlough from Hendricks Field, Fla., the day before Thanksgiving, after an absence of six months in the air corps.

Compressing her lips to supress the quiver of emotion, the dauntless old lady prayed that at least one of the boys, John, the missing one, might be found alive.

"It can't be true that my fine boys are dead, they went away so happy—so glad to be with each other and to give Henry a real welcome," she ventured through tears that she tried so hard to repress.

"They didn't go to Cocoanut Grove just to be at a night club," she explained, "but to show Henry that they were really glad to see him again. When Henry came home from Florida the day before Thanksgiving on a furlough, Wilfred, James, and John decided that they should give Henry a good time.

"It was arranged that they would go first to the Boston College-Holy Cross football game and after that to some place to eat and to have some fun. They had four fine girls with them. What has happened to the girls?

"May God have mercy on the girls and save them if possible. But I don't suppose they got out either. If my boys could have gotten out themselves they would have brought the girls out with them. They would have saved the girls if they could. We don't know what happened to the girls. We haven't heard a word about them.

"What will I ever do without those fine boys—all of them gone—even John. John is reported missing but I know that John is dead. If he wasn't dead he would have let me know. If he was even conscious he would have sent word to me first thing not to worry. That's the way it was with John—always thinking about me. It was the way it was with all of them. Their mother came first. God have mercy on them.

"James was the oldest and he was the man of the family since his father died 20 years ago. The boys were very young then. It was a struggle to bring them up, but they all helped. They worked hard and they kept themselves straight so that I would be proud of them.

"See this picture of the four of them, sitting around on the floor in front of the Christmas tree. That was a year ago. It's a small tree, as big as I wanted, but they made as much fuss over it as though it were a big one, like the kind we used to have when they were small. And they played about and fooled with me as though they were still little fellows. They hadn't grown up. They never grew up as far as I was concerned, except for the many more things they could do for me. Always doing something for me, all of them.

"They never married and all lived here with me, all except their brother Eddie, who is married out in Chicago, and their sister, Mary, now Mrs. William Leahy. They made much of their other sister's children, Mrs. Michael Barry, whose family also lives here with us. (Mr. Barry is Deputy United States Marshal.)

"I went to bed happy, thinking of my fine boys all together being so friendly with each other and having some innocent fun. I was contented.

"It seems like a nightmare now, though, the telephone ringing at 2 o'clock in the morning and the police telling me that James was dead. It couldn't be true. Not Jimmie. But what about the other three? What happened to them? They couldn't be hurt. They must have got separated, if it was true that James was dead.

"Mike and my other son-in-law, Mr. Leahy, went to Boston to see what happened to Wilfred, Henry and John. But it must have been awful. They couldn't find out anything. All night we sat here, Mrs. Barry and I, waiting and waiting. At 7 o'clock the word came that Wilfred was dead and Henry was dead, and it was true that James was dead. But no word of John. O, if God will only let me have John. He has the others: they belong to Him; but please let me have John. Let me have one of them.

"How could a thing like that happen with all the laws! Surely there must have been some way of preventing an awful thing like that.

"Why it happened or how I don't care now. If only John can be given back to me. My other boys are gone, may God have mercy on them! I know what happened to the others, but if I only knew about John.

"They were good boys, from the time they were born. What will I do without them. I am 71 now and they have always looked after me. I can't go on without them, but I suppose I must.

"Two of the boys were born in Dorchester, John and James. The other two, Wilfred and Henry, were born in Wilmington. They all had good jobs and they were generous with me. They said they always wanted to be with me forever. I was their girl, they told me.

"James was an inspector on electrical work at the Hingham shipyard of Bethlehem Steel. It was important, he said, and was part of the war work. I liked the way he was proud of his job. And John had a good job. He was a special agent of the comptroller of the Boston & Maine Railroad. I don't know what kind of work it was, but John was very serious about it. He studied accounting and I know he must have been a good man at his work. Wilfred worked for a contractor in Cambridge, and he was in war work, too.

"Henry went to war, in the Air Corps, and was stationed at Hendricks Field, Selbring, Fla. He wrote to me often, and he always told me that he was coming home the first chance he got, even if the world separated us. We were happy when Henry arrived the day before Thanksgiving. He kissed me, and the other boys were like kids when they saw him again. That's what the party was for—to let Henry know how they felt. We had a great day on Thanksgiving and we wanted to make every minute happy for Henry.

"I don't know whether I can stand it or not. Those fine boys are gone—my boys, my fine boys. I'll ask God to help me. I know He will. I've had so much from my boys that I shouldn't ask for more. I'll try to bear it, and if only John is saved to me, if he can only come back to me, I'll be grateful for that much."

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Wilmington Men in Rescue Crew

WILMINGTON—In addition to being the hardest hit greater-Lowell community in the matter of casualties in the Cocoanut Grove fire, Wilmington also supplied several rescue workers. James Gilligan of Burnap street, a teacher at Dorchester high school and an air raid warden, answered a call for workers and was the first to identify the body of James Fitzgerald, whom he knew well. He worked from 10.30 p. m. to 3.30 a. m., and assisted police in removing many bodies. James Goodwin, a coast guarder, who has his home in Woburn street, North Wilmington, joined the rescue party and sustained injuries which caused him to be sent to a hospital. The town's ambulance also participated in rescue work.

Ambulance Sent From Wilmington

LOWELL—Closer to Boston, Wilmington was the first suburban Lowell community to receive a call for help. Chief Harry J. Ainsworth of the police department immediately sent the town ambulance, manned by Deputy Chief Francis Hoban and Officer George Fuller, who left Wilmington at 11 p. m. Saturday and did not return home until Sunday morning, after carrying many bodies to a Cambridge hospital. The Lowell patrol wagon was converted into an ambulance and sent out at midnight, minutes after a call had been received from Boston. It was driven by Chauffeurs Charles Brown and Frederick Finnegan, who were assigned by Police Chief Michael H. Winn.

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THREE BROTHERS DEAD, ONE MISSING—The Fitzgeralds of Wilmington as they appeared on their last Christmas together. Seated in front: James A. Fitzgerald, dead; rear, left to right: Private Henry Fitzgerald (for whom party at Cocoanut Grove was being held), also dead; Wilfred Fitzgerald, dead, and John Fitzgerald, missing.

Wilmington

Hundreds in Final Tribute to Four Fitzgerald Boys

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Dec. 2 — Hundreds paid final tribute to the four Fitzgerald brothers, John A., James J., Wilfred A., and PFC. Henry T. Fitzgerald yesterday morning, fire victims of the Cocoanut Grove disaster. The procession wended its way from their late home on Fitz terrace to St. Thomas' church where a solemn high mass was celebrated at 10 o'clock. The church was filled with relatives and friends including many town officials, fellow employees of the Boston & Maine railroad, members of the American Legion and auxiliary, Mass. Women's Defense corps, Lowell chapter of Red Cross. The body of Pvt. Henry Fitzgerald was first to enter the church led by the honorary pall bearers in charge of Vice Commander Justice Balser of the local post, 136, American Legion including, Joseph Woods, Roger Buck, Vinal Conway, Ernest Cail, Walter Fitch and John Joyce. Members of the Mass. Women's defense Corps were Mrs. Samuel Bond, Mrs. Frank Hadley, Mrs. Hannah O'Connor and Mrs. Charles Hadley who were in uniform and followed the Legion.

The celebrant of the mass was a cousin of the boys, Rev. William Walsh, pastor of St. John the Evangelist church in Swampscott, Rev. James M. Daley, pastor of St. Thomas church served as deacon, Rev. John A. Saunders, assistant at St. Thomas, as subdeacon. Visiting priests included Rev. James J. McGoohan, chaplain, U. S. army, a former curate at St. Thomas church; Rev. Joseph H. Moynihan, O. M. I. of Tewksbury; Rev. Clement I. Flynn, O. M. I., Tewksbury; Rev. Charles J. Coppens, O. M. I., Tewksbury; Rev. James A. Curtin, O. M. I., St. William's, Tewksbury; Rev. William P. Haley, O. M. I., Novitiate, Tewksbury. Rev. Clyde M. Martin, pastor of the Congregational church was also present. Mrs. Edward Shelley was organist and Arnold Callahan of Woburn was the soloist who sang Terry's mass. All marched to the cemetery after the mass where Rev. James Daley read the committal prayers which were answered by the visiting priests.

The bearers included, Francis Vogt, Leo Keeler, Thomas Coleman, Leo Berube, Frank O'Brien, William M. Murphy, Arthur McManus, Joseph Harrington, Norman Dube, Fred Cummings, John Tatten, John Murphy, James Walsh, John O'Shaughnessey, Edward Fitzgerald, Eugene Sullivan, John Boland, Clark Custer, John McLean, Edwin Twomey, William O'Neil, William Fitzgerald, Frank Leahy and Raymond Harrington. Assisting Joseph B. McMahon in the arrangements were Peter Holland of Woburn, Harold McMann of Wakefield, William S. Cavanaugh and Guy E. Nichols of this town. The ushers at the church were Louis T. McMahon, Guy E. Nichols, Bernard McMahon and Edward Manning. All regular and reserve officers of the police department were assigned to traffic duty. Chief Harry J. Ainsworth in the police cruiser led the long line of the procession from the home to the church and to the cemetery.

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LAST RITES FOR FIRE VICTIMS—Bearers, relatives and friends are shown standing behind the five tiny flower-banked coffins bearing the bodies of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Farrell of Tewksbury as last rites for the young fire victims were conducted in Wilmington yesterday.

Hundreds at Funeral of Five Children

Mother Collapses as Cortege Enters Cemetery

WILMINGTON — Final rites for the five small children of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Farrell, whose lives were snuffed out in a flash fire at their Tewksbury home last Monday, were conducted here yesterday afternoon in as sorrowful a setting as this town has ever witnessed.

Mrs. Farrell, 27-year-old mother of the youngsters who ranged in age from one to five years, has been under a doctor's care since the tragedy wiped out her family in the worst catastrophe in the town's history. Although she stood dazed by the small white caskets which remained sealed in the funeral parlor of Guy H. Nichols on Middlesex avenue, during services there, Mrs. Farrell collapsed as the cortege entered the cemetery a short distance away and remained in the limousine during services at the grave.

The father of the children remained in the vehicle with his distraught wife, consoling her, as Rev. Clyde M. Martin, pastor of the Wilmington Congregational church, read the committal prayers.

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MISS SKILTON NOW POLICE INSPECTOR

Qualifies for Position and Will Start Her New Duties at Once.

Miss Emily M. Skilton, who was appointed a police inspector on Saturday by Mayor Thompson, qualified for the position before Assistant City Clerk William P. McCarthy at City Hall yesterday morning. She will start on her work at once.

Later she called on Supt. Redmond Welch of the police department, who has had much to do with her in past years through her connection with the Florence Crittenton Rescue League. Supt. Welch pays Miss Skilton high praise, saying that no other woman of whom he knows is so well qualified for the position as is she.

Since 1905 Miss Skilton has been the field secretary of the Florence Crittenton Rescue League, and has worked in this city. In her new position she will have all of the authority of the ordinary police officer, although she will not have arrests made until she has appeared before the court and has obtained a warrant. The greater part of her work will be in the nature of assisting girls who have no homes, or who have homes where they are not properly cared for. She will visit theatres, dance halls, moving picture shows and any place where the young women are apt to be found, and will seek to turn those who seem on the downward path from that course. She will give advice and will seek material benefit for the wayward. She will wear the ordinary inspector's badge.

MISS EMILY M. SKILTON

Miss Skilton is a director of the Young Women's Christian Association, and a member of the Social Service League and the welfare committee of the public safety committee. She attends the First Presbyterian church. Her pay in her new position will be $18 a week.

FINAL SERVICES FOR EMILY M. SKILTON

Funeral of Local Policewoman Largely Attended by Friends and Associates.

Funeral services for Miss Emily M. Skilton, local policewoman, were held Saturday and were attended by many prominent people, including Mayor Charles H. Slowey, police officials, welfare workers and many other friends from Lowell and surrounding communities. The services were held on the 68th anniversary of her birth and in the First Presbyterian church, where for more than 40 years she was a constant attendant and worker.

The funeral services were held at 2 o'clock and for a considerable period before that time the main auditorium of the church was completely filled. During the morning and all of Friday afternoon and Friday night hundreds of persons passed by the bier in the church as the body lay in state to pay their last respects to a woman who was known to practically every one in this city.

THE LATE EMILY M. SKILTON

The funeral services were opened with an invocation by Rev. Lewis R. Shields, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Following the invocaton there was a hymn by the vested choir, under the direction of Simeon Heyworth, choir director, with Miss Leona Gale at the organ.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Leslie C. Bockes, pastor of the Church of All Nations and head of the Goodwill Industries, Inc., of which Miss Skilton was secretary.

A brief eulogy was given by Rev. Mr. Shields. In his remarks he included a brief summary of the many years of fine service which Miss Skilton gave to her church, as an active member of the church and as a Bible class teacher, and of her service as a policewoman and welfare worker.

The funeral service was brought to a close with the singing of "Jesus, Saviour of My Soul" and "Just As I Am," two of Miss Skilton's favorite hymns, by the vested choir.

The bearers were Deputy Superintendent Michael H. Winn, Capt. Samuel J. Bigelow, Capt. Charles S. Sharkey, Capt. William L. Keegan, Capt. David Petrie and Capt. James J. Kennedy.

The honorary bearers were Gen. Gardner W. Pearson, head of the Lowell District Council of Welfare Workers; Thomas Lees, Thomas Courtney, Thomas Sutherland, Edward Hanson, James F. Conway, Charles Young and William Weir, all of whom are prominently connected with local church or welfare work.

The delegation from the Florence Crittendon League, with which Miss Skilton was connected for many years, included the following: Mrs. Frederic A. Flather, president; Mrs. Elizabeth Stavely, field secretary; Mrs. Vivian Welcome, assistant secretary; Mrs. Frank Bean, treasurer; Mrs. Arnold Perham, Mrs. Edwin Sleeper, Miss Bessie Hadley, Mrs. Robert F. Marden, Mrs. E. J. Gilmore, Mrs. George Van Deursen, Mrs. Frederic Flather jr., and Miss Helen Buttrick.

Mrs. Isabelle Gingras, Mrs. Rebecca Courtney, Mrs. Jennie George and Mrs. Christiana S. Gardner headed the large delegation from the First Presbyterian Church Bible Class, which Miss Skilton taught.

The Goodwill Industries, Inc., was represented by Dudley L. Page, Allen Bockes, William Etzel and Mrs. Edwin Sleeper.

A delegation from the Lowell District Council of Welfare Workers included Vice President James F. Conway, Mrs. Vivian Welcome, Mrs. Marion W. Boothby, Miss Katherine Johnson, Miss Ella Mellen, Miss Anna Grannis, Dr. Emma Y. Slaughter, C. Fred Gilmore, William H. Gallagher and Edmund Cheney.

Miss Beatrice Clark represented the Massachusetts Police Women's Association.

The Y. W. C. A., where Miss Skilton made her home, was represented by the president, Mrs. George H. Upton, and Mrs. Eleanor S. Perkins, house secretary.

The Faith Home was represented by Mrs. Dudley L. Page, Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Smith, Mrs. John Osgood and Mrs. Cecelia Lappen.

The Y. M. C. A. delegation included President Herbert W. Horne, Gen-

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eral Secretary Harold F. Howe and Boys' Secretary Thomas R. Williams.

The ushers were Wilfred B. Maynard, R. Herbert Barnes, Findley Gray and David R. Caddell.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. was represented by Mrs. Isabelle M. Ellis, president; Mrs. Jennie Kendrick, treasurer and Mrs. George Williams.

Mrs. Joseph L. Cronin and Mrs. Emma Desforges, policewomen, were present and accompanied the body to the grave in Wildwood cemetery, Wilmington, as did Superintendent of Police Hugh Downey.

Motorcycle Officer William T. Doherty acted as escort to the funeral procession, from the church, to the cemetery in Wilmington. The burial was in the charge of Undertakers White & Roy and the committal prayer was said by Rev. Lewis R. Shields.

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LOUIS T. McMAHON

Mere words cannot assess the value of the loss that Wilmington suffered through the death of Louis T. McMahon, one of its outstanding residents. It can only be hoped that his bereaved family derived some small measure of consolation from the accumulated outpouring of sympathy from the hundreds of his friends and neighbors whose respect and admiration paid heart-felt tribute to a man whose life had been well-lived.

There is not enough space here to print the many expressions of sympathy made by members of the clergy, or the civic, fraternal, veterans, business and charitable organizations who knew him as a friend and advisor. Nor can words express the deep sense of personal loss that gripped the hearts of Wilmington's residents when they heard the news of his death.

Louis McMahon, himself, and his life of service in the interests of Wilmington fully deserves the high accolade of human honor that was best described by an unknown poet, in humble honesty, the sincere tribute that, "There was a man."

Wilmington, and the world, could use more men of the same calibre.

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FUNERAL SERVICES FOR LOUIS T. McMAHON

Funeral services for Louis T. McMahon, life-long resident of Wilmington, and son of Isabell and the late Thomas H. McMahon of 168 Middlesex Avenue, were held last Monday morning from St. Thomas' Aquinas Church following a Solemn High Mass of Requiem sung by the pastor, Reverend George S. Brennan. Internment was in the family lot at Wildwood Cemetery where the Reverend Francis I. McInerney conducted the commitment rites.

Mr. McMahon, who died suddenly at his home on Thanksgiving Day, was for many years prominent in local civic, fraternal and charitable affairs. In addition to his mother, he is survived by a brother, Joseph B. McMahon of Middlesex Avenue, and four sisters; Mrs. Rose Cavanaugh of Winchester, Mrs. Eleanor Day of Middlesex Avenue, Mrs. Alice Lee of Church Street, and Elizabeth McMahon of Middlesex Ave.

Seated within the Sanctuary were seven priests who have formerly served the parish of St. Thomas either as pastors or curates. This group included the Reverends Andrew J. White, now pastor of St. Philip's church, Boston, James M. Daley, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church at Medford Hillside, Frederick C. Driscoll, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church in Lynn, Peter Linehan, pastor of the Church of the Little Flower in Everett, Thomas Heagney, pastor of St. Patrick's church in Lynn, John McCarthy, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Collinsville, and John Saunders of St. Bernard's Church in Newton.

Among the delegations attending the funeral services was a uniformed Guard of Honor from the local American Legion Post and its Auxiliary. Representing Mr. McMahon's friends in the legal profession was James Henshey, Judge of the Woburn District Court. Among other, Kenneth M. Lyons, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, represented Wilmington's officials. There were groups present from the St. Thomas Holy Name Society, Filene's Store of Boston, the National Creditmen's Association, the local Rotary Club, and the Reading K of C.

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Louis McMahon

Hundreds of Wilmington residents paid final tribute Monday to the late Louis McMahon, one of the most outstanding and well-liked citizens in the town. Funeral services were held at 9.15 a. m., from his late residence on Middlesex avenue with a solemn high mass of requiem at St. Thomas church, Wilmington. Rev. George S. Brennan was the celebrant, Rev. Francis McInerney, deacon, and Rev. Thomas Walsh, sub-deacon.

Priests present included Rev. James Daley, Rev. Peter Linehan, Rev. John Saunders, Rev. Andrew White, Rev. John McCarthy, Rev. Frederick Driscoll, and Rev. Timothy Haggerty.

Organizations represented included the Knights of Columbus of Reading, Wilmington Rotary club, Holy Name society, Elks of Providence, and the National Credit Organization. Mr. McMahon has been one of two men ever given honorary membership in the National Credit Organization while he was still living.

Arnold Callahan was soloist, assisted by Mrs. Edward Shelley at the organ. Pallbearers included Bernard McMahon, William McMahon, Louis Grimes, Joseph Grimes, Sr., Robert Cavanaugh, and Edward O. Manning.

When Mr. McMahon became cemetery commissioner many years ago, the now beautiful Wildwood cemetery was merely a hayfield, and through his efforts it is now in its present excellent condition.

There were many beautiful sprays and spiritual bouquets and traffic was in charge of Chief Paul Lynch, Officers Fuller and Shepard. Burial was in the family lot in Wildwood cemetery. Committal prayers were said at the grave by Rev. Francis McInerney.

Mr. McMahon, who held many elective and appointive offices in Wilmington was educated in the local schools and was graduated from Burdett's Business School. He was employed at the Filene's Store in Boston for more than 40 years and, before his retirement a few years ago, held the position of Credit Manager over a period of many years. He was a Director of the Mechanics Savings Bank of Reading and Wilmington, and was a member of the K of C and the Elks.

During his lifetime, Mr. McMahon devoted much time and energy in the interests of Wilmington, and served the Town in many and varied civic offices. For many years he was a Trustee of the Public Library, a Cemetery Commissioner and a Water Commissioner, and was a member of the local Draft Board during World War II. Recently, he was again appointed to serve on the re-activated Draft Board. An ardent Catholic, he was active in the affairs of St. Thomas' church and was a member of the Holy Name Society here. He was a member of the Wilmington Rotary Club and was the recipient of a Citizenship Award from the VFW. He also was a past president of the National Creditmen's Association.

The funeral was under the direction of Peter Holland of Woburn, assisted by Harold McMann of Wakefield. William S. Cavanaugh and Guy E. Nichols of Wilmington, both of whom served with Mr. McMahon as Cemetery Commissioners, acted as ushers. The traffic detail was in charge of Police Chief Paul Lynch, assisted by Officers Fuller and Shepard.

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PREPARATIONS FOR LOCAL DEFENSE, UNDERWAY

Air Raid School Started

The first meeting of the local Air Raid Warden school took place on Monday evening at Town Hall with 120 making applications

The meeting was in charge of chairman J Turner Hood, who explained in detail the workings of the local defense committee He was followed by Chief Air Raid Warden George C Kambour, who explained what the duties of an air warden were, and what was expected of those attending the school He also told the class that they were expected to take the Red Cross first aid course that follows the completion of the Air Raid course

It was announced at the meeting that anyone interested in making a donation toward the observation hut in Chestnut Street, may do so at the bank The hut was built at no expense to the town by the local American Legion Post

The local Defense chairmen J Turner Hood, is assisted by the following committee chairmen Philip Buzzell Protestive; George C Kambour Chief Air Warden; Dr Gerald Fagan Health; Dr Ernest C MacDougall Medical; Dr Miriam Hosmer Assistant Medical Edwin Twomey Services and Supplies William Curtin Information and Mrs Lauchlin Drew Womens Division

Advisors to the Defense chairman are Louis T McMahon, Herbert C Barrows and Joseph M Grimes

On Wednesday evening the class had its first session

A lecture and demonstration by Dr Thompson of M I T on high explosives was given, followed by lectures on blackouts by Mrs Ernest MacDougall and communications by Charles H Black

Another session of the class will be held tomorrow night, and the finger printing of those attending will start Those wishing to do so, may stop at the Police station and be finger printed by Chief Ainsworth

For the next two week, due to the holidays, classes will be held on Monday Tuesday and Saturday at Town Hall

Classes for auxiliary firemen, will start on Dec 23 at Town hall Assistant Chief Rice in charge

Monday throughout the town, sand for air raid precautions will b be distributed If you are interested in obtaining some, place from one to three containers at the street edge of your property and they will be filled

The local defense committee wishes to extend its thanks to Fred F Cain Inc for his offer of cars when ever needed, and to Louis Elfman who has and will continue to donate the heating oil for the observation hut

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Welfare Board Report; Boy Scouts in Session

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, March 27—The test blackout was a success here, according to Chief Air Raid Warden George C. Kambour. There were a few violations such as leaving cellar lights burning. The committee wishes to urge all persons to be careful about leaving lights burning when a blackout occurs. The police and fire departments were out as was the medical corps and air raid wardens. At the town hall report center were Chief Air Warden Geo. C. Kambour, Deputy Chief Air Raid Warden Herbert Higginbotham, Chairman of Civilian Defense J. Turner Hood, Jr., Dr. Ernest MacDougall, chief medical officer; Dr. Gerald Fagan, health officer; Dr. Miriam Hosmer, first aid; Ernest Eames of the fire department, Chief Harry J. Ainsworth of the police department and Louis Kennedy as guard.

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House Lights to Be Dimmed as Warning of Blackout

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, April 11. J. Turner Hood, Jr., town defense chairman, announced that the house lights will be shut off a half minute along with the street lights as a warning for a blackout. Many persons inquired why the house lights went out during the blackout on Thursday, and Mr. Hood would like to clear up the situation. Many persons would not see the street lights if they were inside of the house when a surprise blackout occurred, he said, and added that all night blackouts will take place in the future, and all persons should prepare their homes. The only warning that will be given in the future of a blackout will be from the regional office to the report center about a half hour before it is to take place.

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Code of Air Raid Signals Announced

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, June 19—Four separate air raid alarm signals will be blown in Wilmington and surrounding towns every day at noon next week, J. Turner Hood, chairman of the civilian defense, announced today. The state committee on public safety has ordered each town to use its own system of signals, and one round of six blasts on the fire whistle at noon, Monday through Saturday next week, will signify the "blue" warning in Wilmington. At 12.07 p. m., the "red" warning, three rounds of six blasts each, will be blown, followed by another "blue" signal at 12.14, and ending with the all-clear, two blasts, at 12.21 p. m. The daily blowing of these signals is designed to test the effectiveness of air raid alarm systems, not only in Wilmington, but in the surrounding towns as well.

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Guy E. Nichols Honored; Circle I in Session

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, July 28—Residents of the town are reminded that there will be a daylight test and blackout on Monday, Aug. 2, beginning at 8.15 p. m. and lasting until 10 p. m. Incidents, arranged ahead of time by a local test director to be appointed by George C. Kambour, chief air raid warden, will be staged in different sections of the town, and wardens must be on the lookout both for "saboteurs," who will be wearing bandanas around their necks, and for mock bombs which may be dropped by "enemy" planes passing overhead. Howard L. Jenkins, regional civilian defense director for the Methuen area, warned the public that there will be two red signals, the first at 8.45 p. m. and the second at 9.30 p. m. The first audible signal, one blast of six rounds each on the fire whistle, will come at 8.25 p. m., and from then until the all-clear, two blasts, is blown at 10 p. m., there must be a complete blackout throughout the town. The test alert will begin a few minutes before sunset when it is still light, but blackout regulations must be observed, it was announced.

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Salem Street Dwelling Struck by Lightning

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, July 23—In answer to several requests from civilians who were confused by the signals in Wednesday's test blackout and alert, George C. Kambour, chief air raid warden, recently repeated the regulations which govern civilian behavior during a raid. The first audible signal, he stated, is the "blue" signal, consisting of one round of six blasts on the fire whistle. When the blue signal is blown, all house lights must be promptly extinguished, and must not be put on again until the all clear is sounded. Traffic may continue to move during the blue signal, but at reduced speeds, and pedestrians may also proceed. Street lights will be switched off at the beginning of the blue signal.

When the red signal, three rounds of six blasts each, is blown, all traffic must stop, all car lights must be put out, and pedestrians must get off the streets and under cover. House and street lights, of course, will remain off. Another blue signal will usually follow the red one, indicated again by a round of six blasts, and traffic and pedestrians may move again. No street or house lights may be put on, however, until the all clear, two blasts, is blown, Mr. Kambour said, adding that several persons made the mistake of switching on their lights when the red signal was over.

Although the street lights of Wilmington may be cut off instantly from a central switchboard in the Reading power plant, Mr. Kambour said, it takes electric light crews some time to put them back on again after the all clear, because they have to go to several auxiliary pole switches in different parts of the town before all of the lights can be turned back on.

In the practice alert which is to begin with a practice blue signal at 8.25 p. m. on Monday, Aug. 2, Mr. Kambour warned, there may be a second red signal during the course of the alert, because the "enemy" planes making the mock raid may return over the town on their way back to their bases. For this reason air raid wardens and other civilian defense workers must be especially careful to know what each signal means before the practice test is held.

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BLACKOUT 1943

One of the longest blackouts and test alerts to be held in this area was successfully planned and carried out last Monday night when the entire town was blacked out for more than two hours, and four elaborate incidents were prepared and staged by Herbert Higginbotham, acting test director for the town. Railroad bridges on Shawsheen, Burlington, and Lake Streets were "destroyed" by Boy Scouts posing as saboteurs, and the Wilmington theater was destroyed in a mock bombing attack. A medical detachment directed by Dr. E. C. MacDougall administered first-aid to "victims" at the scenes of the mock disasters, and all civilian defense units went smoothly into action to cope with the emergency. Virtually the entire police force, including regular police details and special officers, was called into action to help air raid wardens patrol blacked-out streets, and to direct traffic at the scenes of the "disasters", and observers from regional headquarters in Methuen were stationed at the report center in the town hall to check on the functioning of the town's warning system. Only minor violations of traffic regulations and the blackout rules were reported, according to George C. Kambour, chief air raid warden, and Herbert Higginbotham, who directed the Boy Scouts in the staging of the incidents, praised the cooperation and efficiency of the defense units who responded to wardens' calls for assistance from the areas attacked by the mock saboteurs. Army bombers flew in from Cape Ann on their way to the Bedford airport, which underwent an "attack" based on a plan which enemy strategists might well use if they actually attacked the field, but the efforts of the saboteurs to stop military detachments from getting to the air base were successfully blocked.

George C. Kambour, chief air raid warden. Of the 50 sectors reporting to the center at town hall, only two violations were reported. Both of the violations were lights left burning with all the occupants of the houses away. Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ernest MacDougall was in charge of the nurses, Dr. Miriam Hosmer in charge of health and they were present at the town hall with all their assistants. Two Boy Scouts acted as messengers. Taking the reports at the town hall were George C. Kambour, Herbert Higginbotham, Deputy Chief Francis Hobart of the police department; Winifred W. Rice, chief of the auxiliary fire department; Philip Buzzell, town counsel; Caleb S. Harriman, chairman of the water commissioners and James White, superintendent of the highway department.

After the blackout, all air raid wardens reported back to the center by telephone. All members of the fire department and auxiliary force were at their various stations, as well as the police and auxiliary force. Automobiles were stopped and drivers complied with the order to stop and put all lights out. Church bells, the fire whistle and the whistle at the Harriman tannery sounded the blackout and all clear signal.

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(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, April 10 — A meeting of all post wardens was held at the report center in the town hall last night at 7.30 and all that had completed the air raid precaution school and first aid course received a card and an arm band. They also received instructions and were dismissed at 8.30 to await orders for the blackout. Chief Air Raid Warden George C. Kambour received the first alert at 9.14. All post wardens were notified and volunteer workers were assembled at the town hall at 9.26, including the medical service. At 9.35 the second alert signal was received and the power plant in Reading was notified to turn off all street lights and blink the house lights. At 9.46 the final alert was received and the blackout was complete with all motor traffic stopped and all pedestrians off the streets. At 10.09, the all clear signal was received.

Many districts reported that the fire whistle could not be heard but also reported that whistles from other towns could be heard. A dome light was left on accidentally in an automobile in a garage in one district. Fire trucks were dispatched to the four points of the town which were manned by regular and auxiliary members, 38 men reported to the police station for duty and no violations were reported to the police station for duty and no violations were reported. Chief Harry J. Ainsworth was at the report center and Deputy Chief Francis Hoban was in charge at the police station.

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Blackout Plans Outlined; Plan Molly Pitcher Day

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, July 31—The Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety and the army have planned a daylight test and blackout to begin shortly before dark Monday night, and to last until 10 p. m. George C. Kambour, chief air raid warden in Wilmington, announced that an absolute blackout would be enforced from 8.25 p. m., when the first blue signal will be blown, until 10 p. m., when the all clear will come from regional headquarters in Methuen. There will be two red signals during the course of the test alert and blackout, the first from 8.45 p. m.-8.55 p. m., and the second from 9.30 p. m.-9.40 p. m. When the red alerts are signalled by three rounds of six blasts each on the fire whistle, all traffic must stop, car lights must be extinguished, and pedestrians must get off the street and under cover. During the blue signals, however, which will be signalled by the blowing of one round of six blasts on the fire whistle, traffic may move, although the blackout will still be enforced in homes.

Mr. Kambour has been notified by Howard L. Jenkins, regional director of the Methuen area, that qualified observers will be on duty at the report center to make sure that the entire civilian defense setup in the town is functioning smoothly. Herbert L. Higginbotham, scoutmaster of the local troop, has been appointed test director, and he will stage the incidents planned by army tactical experts to coincide with others throughout the state.

Post wardens will receive confidential instructions by telephone before Sunday night telling them how to identify the cars of testers and observers, as well as of the special services and units of civilian defense which may be responding to wardens' calls for assistance. The signals which wardens will use in reporting incidents on their posts will also form part of these confidential instructions from the report center.

The time schedule of the alert is as follows: Practice blue signal (one round of six blasts), 8.25 p. m; practice red (three rounds of six blasts each) 8.45 p. m.; practice blue, 8.55 p. m.; practice red, 9.30 p. m.; practice blue, 9.40 p. m.; and all clear (two blasts) at approximately 10 p. ....

Dr. Ernest MacDougall, chief medical officer of the local defense committee, has appointed Mrs. Edwin Buck of Middlesex avenue in charge of registering all graduate nurses of the town. All nurses are asked to register with Mrs. Buck whether they are available for defense work.

Molly Pitcher Day

A meeting to plan for Molly Pitcher day, to be observed nationally on Wednesday, Aug. 4, was held Thursday night in Legion hall. Mrs. Frank Hadley, co-chairman of the local war savings committee, presided at the meeting, which was attended by representatives of various women's civic and patriotic organizations in the town. The Legion auxiliary will sponsor a house-to-house canvass of the town on Aug. 4, selling war bonds and stamps, and giving those who purchase them a tag to wear, showing that they have bought bonds and stamps for the day. Mrs. Hadley asked for a volunteer chairman to canvass the East Wilmington area. Any one who wishes to help canvass any section of the town on Aug. 4 is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Hadley or with Mrs. Helen Hamilton, treasurer of the war savings committee.

Elliott Melzar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Melzar of Lake street, was graduated Thursday with honors from the Massachusetts Maritime academy at Hyannis, and received his ensign's commission. He entered the school in January, 1942, as part of his training for the Merchant Marine service. Ensign Melzar has applied for active duty with the navy, submarine branch. His brother, Frederick, who received his ensign's commission in December, 1940, is an submarine duty in the Pacific. Mrs. Melzar attended the graduation exercises at Hyannis to see her son receive his commission.

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Service Flag Raised; Several Club Meetings

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Nov. 12—A service flag was raised yesterday at Main street by members of the Women's Defense corps. It contains one large gold star with the figure eight and the figure 548 underneath the star. Members of the fire department helped to string the flag across the street with the aid of Chief Harry J. Ainsworth of the police department.

The regular meeting of the Women's Defense corps was held in the headquarters on Wednesday night, in charge of Lieut. Doris Cady and Clerk Margaret Page. Several moving pictures on first aid were shown by Mr. John Cuneo of Lowell. Refreshments were served.

A glass gallon jar which used in George's for donations of money for the boys when they return from the service was counted recently and the sum of $278.58 was deposited in the local bank. Many residents were in the store to count the money and a guessing contest was held and was won by Robert Orsborne of Tewksbury, who turned in the prize of $5 to the fund.

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Open Four-Day Drive to Boost Bond Sales

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Aug. 5—Wilmington participated in the national observance of Molly Pitcher day on Wednesday by opening a four-day drive sponsored by the local war savings committee to boost the sale of war bonds and stamps in the town. Wilmington has been falling far short of its monthly quota of $10,000, and both the recent evening rally on the common and the present drive were planned by Mrs. Stephen G. Bean and Mrs. Frank Hadley, co-chairmen of the committee, to raise the amount of purchases of bonds and stamps. Members of the American Legion auxiliary all over the country are holding a house-to-house canvass in every community to sell bonds and stamps, but in Wilmington they are being assisted by members of other local women's civic organizations. The town has been blocked off into sections, and chairmen have been assigned to supervise the canvassing of each district. Because it was impossible to cover the whole town in one day, Mrs. Frank Hadley, acting chairman of the present drive, has announced that canvassing will continue until Saturday. Every person who buys a bond or a stamp will be given a tag to show that he or she has done his share in making Molly Pitcher day a success, and everyone is urged to contribute generously to the drive.

Among those who are assisting Mrs. Hadley in canvassing the town are Mrs. Ralph Henderson, East Wilmington; Mrs. Agnes Davis, Glen road; Mrs. James Gilligan, Silver Lake; Barbara Haynes, Florence Nitchie and Catherine Higginbotham, Chestnut street; Geraldine Fitch, Hillside way; Mrs. Frank Gammons, West street; Mrs. Charles Chipman, North Wilmington; Mrs. Charles J. Allgrove, Jr., and Miss Olive Merritt, Middlesex avenue; Mrs. A. C. Marlin, Burt road, and Mrs. Joseph Kelley and Mrs. Ray Boutwell, Shawsheen avenue.

The nutrition class under the direction of the Womens division of civilian defense held its third lesson at the Legion hall yesterday morning with about 65 present. The class was opened by Mrs. Launchlin Drew and turned over to Mrs. Gladys Clave of the Extension service. A meat dish consisting of liver, potatoes and tomatoes was prepared as well as a mackerel loaf. Mrs. Clave was assisted by Miss Mildred Bak. A short talk on canteen work was given by Mrs. Stanley Webber. The next and last lesson will be held next Thursday morning and will be on the serving of eggs and cheese.

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Emmons Chairman of Salvage Drive; Strip Stolen Car

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, April 16—Paul D. Emmons of Salem street, North Wilmington, has been appointed chairman of the "Salvage for Victory" campaign in this town. The drive will start next week and he has called a meeting of the committee for tomorrow night at the town hall at 7 o'clock. The purpose of the committee will be to have every one in the town dispose of all scrap metal, newspapers, rags and rubber. The following will serve on the committee to assist in this work: J. Turner Hood, Jr., town defense chairman; George C. Kambour, chief air raid warden; Frank W. Dayton, chairman of the board of selectmen; Paul Dayton, commander of the American Legion post 136; Rev. Clyde M. Martin, pastor of the Congregational church; Mrs. Clyde M. Martin, leader of the Girl Scouts; Foster Balser, Scoutmaster; Rev. James M. Daley, pastor of St. Thomas' church; Mrs. Harold E. Melzar, president of the Wilmington Women's club; Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley, president of the American Legion auxiliary, Unit 136; Mrs. William P. Taylor, worthy matron of Acacia chapter, O. E. S.; Miss Henrietta Swain, town chairman of the 4-H clubs; Austin C. Woodside, Jr., master of Friendship lodge, A. F. and A. M.; Harry J. Cutter, noble grand, Whitefield lodge, I. O. O. F.; Mrs. Lauchlin Drew, president of the East Wilmington Improvement association; Mrs. Anna O'Connell, master of Wilmington Grange; Charles Baldwin, president of the Silver Lake Betterment association; Myer Weinberg, William G. Mann, Francis O'Hara and James W. Castine.

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Oct. 28—Despite the heavy rain of yesterday more than half of the persons registered at the various schools for Ration Book 4. Mr. Stephen G. Bean, superintendent of schools and local administrator for the rationing of this book, announced that there were 855 applicants with a total of 2901 books issued.

At the high school there were 499 books issued; Walker, 675; Whitefield, 478; Maple Meadow, 374; Silver Lake, 551, and West, 324. Mr. Bean wishes to thank all the people for co-operating. Persons with the last name beginning with N through Z will register today from 1 to 9 p. m. It will be the last night to register at the schools.

Tin Can Salvage

Paul D. Emmons, local salvage chairman, announced today that the tin can drive will be held next Wednesday. The whole town will be covered in one day and the highway and water department trucks will be used. Due to the fact that there will be no school on this day, the boys of the high school will assist People are asked to be sure and have the cans ready, properly washed, labels removed and cans flattened. They must be placed in front of the homes in the morning of that day, and it will make it easier for the collectors.

On Friday night at the American Legion hall at 8.15, there will be a meeting of all the collectors and anyone who is interested in the United War fund drive which will start on Nov. 8. There will be speakers from the Boston headquarters and an instructor will teach the method of collection.

This year Wilmington has been added to the Metropolitan Boston area for the first time, and will share in the benefits of the Community Chest fund.

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War Fund Drive Report; Pro-Burial Mass Celebrated

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Nov. 30—Joseph B. McMahon, chairman of the local Greater-Boston United War fund drive, announces that the sum of $1265.50 was collected during the campaign. The quota was $1300. Mr. McMahon wishes to thank all the solicitors who gave so generously of their time in the drive. He also announced that the sum of $808.75 was contributed by the townspeople in the recent drive for funds for the Salvation Army. The amount of $161.75 has been turned over to the town committee to be used for charitable purposes in the town of Wilmington.

White crosses have been erected in the soldiers' lot in Wildwood cemetery by the American Legion graves committee for Pvt. John A. Martins and Pfc. Albert L. Ayotte, who were reported as killed in action. There are a total of 14 crosses for casualties of this war in the cemetery.

Paul D. Emmons, chairman of the town salvage committee, announced that 2450 pounds of tin cans were picked up in the last drive and that there are still more to be picked up. He also asks all farmers to get all the salvage that is on their property picked up and that if help is needed boys from the high school will help.

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Ration Registration Plans—Salvage Drive

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Oct. 21—Stephen G. Bean, local administrator for the distribution of Ration Book 4, announces the books will be distributed in this town at the same school buildings as were used for Book 2, namely, High, Silver Lake, West, Walker, Whitefield and Maple Meadow. They will be delivered on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 27-28, from 1 to 9 p. m. continuously. Doors will be closed promptly at 9 on both days. Persons failing to secure Book 4 during this registration period will have to apply to the local rationing board at some later time.

A few simple rules must be observed as follows: Book 3 must be presented fully filled in and signed down to the double ruled lines just below the middle of the front cover. The age must be entered as of the time of present application.

2—An application form must be made out for all members of the household who are related by blood or marriage. Others in the household must make a separate application. Application for a household may be made by any member of the family over 18 years of age.

3—No book is allowed for members of the family who are in any kind of institution for an extended period or for those in the armed services or not members of the immediate household.

4—Students in private schools who have their Book No. 3 on deposit at the school will be taken care of by the school.

5—Applicants who have last names beginning with "A" through "M" should come on Wednesday. Names that begin with "N" through "Z" are expected on Thursday. It is expected that as many as possible come before 6 o'clock. The registrars then will be less weary and service probably more rapid. All schools will close on Tuesday afternoon and will reopen on Monday, Nov. 1.

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Honor Roll Dedicated; VFW Auxiliary to Meet

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, June 26—The Wilmington high school honor roll for former pupils serving in the armed forces was dedicated yesterday yesterday afternoon. Due to the bad weather the exercises were held in the gymnasium before a large gathering of townspeople. The exercises were in charge of Principal J. Turner Hood, Jr., who explained that the list was not complete as yet. There were 284 names on the list of which seven paid the supreme sacrifice. The invocation was given by Rev. Clyde M. Martin, pastor of the Congregational church, chairman of the school committee; August MacLeod spoke briefly; and a Scripture lesson and prayer were read by Rev. Dr. Myer S. Baer of Woburn. Stephen G. Bean, superintendent of schools, and Joseph Strong of Auburndale, first commander of Wilmington post, 136, A. L., and a graduate of the high school also spoke. The honor roll was unveiled by three former graduates of the school now serving in the armed forces, Pfc. Calvin Drew, Pvt. Talbot Hood and A. S. Thomas Cavanaugh, U. S. navy, assisted by members of the local Legion post in charge of Commander Vinal H. Conway. Following the unveiling Rev. Clyde M. Martin gave a dedication prayer and the closing remarks and prayer were given by Rev. James M. Daley, pastor of St. Thomas church.

During the wind and rain storm on Saturday night several trees were blown down. Trees were down on Church, Main, Woburn, Wildwood, Andover streets. Electric lights were out of order in the districts for about an hour. Superintendent of the Highway Department James White was called out to clear the roads and wires.

Tech Sergt. Ralph W. Henderson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Henderson of 727 Woburn street, has arrived home on a furlough from the Southwest Pacific area. It is the first time he has been home in five and one-half years, having been 22 months in American Samoa islands. He also landed on Tarawa in the Gilberts after the infantry had taken possession of the island. He was in the second defense battalion which held the island until relieved by the army. He has served in the Marine corps for the past six and a half years. He has two brothers now in the service, Richard L. in the First Division now in Normandy and Charles A. who recently returned from the European area and is now stationed at Fort George G. Meade, Md. Tech. Sergt. Henderson will report to Camp Lejune, N. C., on July 16.

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Ration Board Notice; Name New Teachers

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Aug. 21—In order to reach as many people as possible the local rationing board desires to repeat its announcement that its office will be closed all day, Monday, Aug. 23, and will not open Tuesday, Aug. 24, or Thursday, Aug. 26, until 1 p. m.

It also wishes to repeat its request that during these periods the public will refrain from contacting the office, either personally or by telephone. For the benefit of those who have not seen the previous announcement it is stated that the reason for this lies in the fact that the office staff must do a rush job in getting out the fuel oil coupons for 1943 and 1944. The state rationing board has unexpectedly cut down by one month the time formerly allotted for completing this job, advancing the date from Oct. 1 to Sept. 1.

In order to get this work done by Sept. 1 Mrs. Olive Sheldon and Mrs. Miriam Sullivan must devote their whole time to it while the office is closed on the dates indicated, and must be free from interruption. Householders will get the same basic ration they had last year if they are living in the same location. But the task of making up the coupons is a heavy one as each allotment has to be determined and then coupons torn out of the book to fit the allotment.

Commander Doris Cady of the Massachusetts Women's Defense corps has picked the following members of her local security unit to assist the rationing board staff by addressing envelopes and mailing the coupons after they are made up: Privates Ruth Hale, Elizabeth Bedell, Mary Gilligan, Beatrice Rice, Mary Hadley, Ruth Bond, Helen Noonan, Hannah O'Connors, Margaret Page, Mabel Read, Madelon Slate, Ruth Boynton and Doris Musolino. Sergt. Mary Plourde of Tewksbury, a member of the Wilmington unit, will also assist.

In this connection Commander Cady wishes to announce that instead of meeting Wednesday evening as originally planned the members of her security unit will meet at their barracks in the highway department building on Tuesday, Aug. 24 at 8 p. m. and start their work of addressing the envelopes. None of this work will be done at the rationing board office but it will all be done at the barracks from material obtained by Commander Cady at the board's office. Tuesday evening will be the earliest date this material will be available.

It is not generally known that until recently these Wilmington members of the Massachusetts Women's Defense corps were officially a part of the Methuen unit and took their orders from Methuen. Two months ago Chairman J. Turner Hood of the Wilmington Defense committee obtained permission from Mr. Howard Jenkins, director of Region 4 of the Massachusetts Defense committee to organize the Wilmington members into a separate security unit which would work with the town defense organizations instead of the state in case of an emergency. There are 22 members in all, and besides Commander Cady the officers are, Sergt. Mary Gilligan, and Corporals Margaret Page and Mae Hadley.

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Anti-Ragweed Drive; Stolen Car Recovered

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, July 12—A campaign to destroy ragweed and help sufferers from asthma and hay fever was launched recently in Wilmington under the direction of Mrs. August G. MacLeod, chairman of the conservation committee of the Women's club. She has received directives from the State Federation of Women's clubs, which is sponsoring a state-wide drive for the extermination of the weed, stating that legislation has recently been passed to permit any city or town to appropriate necessary sums "to do such things as are considered necessary to suppress, eradicate and destroy ragweed." The board of selectmen will discuss the question of appropriating funds for this purpose at a weekly meeting tonight.

Mrs. MacLeod has organized the Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Mrs. Clyde Martin, and 4-H club, directed by Mr. Wilfred Andrews, as well as the Brownie Scout troop, into an emergency crew for the discovery and removal of ragweed. The boys and girls have been shown pictures of the weed, and have been told what it looks like. Their instructions stress the fact that the ragweed must be cut or mowed before it blossoms, not later than July 15, and that often a second cutting is necessary. Those who find and destroy the greatest amount of the weed will be awarded prizes by the club, Mrs. MacLeod stated yesterday.

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Army and Navy Tests; Legion Auxiliary Whist

(Specia' to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Oct. 5.—The second qualifying test for the army specialized training program and the navy college program V-12, which will be given throughout the country on Tuesday, Nov. 9, will be administered at the Wilmington high school, Mr. J. Turner Hood. Jr., announced yesterday. A pamphlet of general information which contains an admission-idertification form may be obtained at the high school. This form properly filled out will, admit to the test students between the ages of 17 and 21 inclusive who are recent high school graduates or who will be graduated by March 1, 1944. Intent to take the test should be made known immediately to Mr. Hood in order that the necessary test supplies may be ordered

The same examination will be taken by both army and navy candidates. The examination is designed to test the aptitude and general knowledge required for the program of college training and all qualified students are urged to take the test. At the time of the test each candidate will be given a choice of service preference, but taking the test does not obligate the candidate to enlist in the service.

The army specialized training program and the navy college program enables students to continue academic training at government expense following induction into the armed services. Successful completion of the prescribed courses may, following further officer training, lead to a commission in the army or the navy.

Those selected for the army will, after further screening and basic military training, be sent to college. Students chosen for the navy program, after selection by the office of naval officer procurement, will be detailed directly to college. Students who attend college under either of the programs will be under military discipline, on active duty, in uniform and with pay. Expenses, including tuition, food, housing, books, and uniforms will be paid by the army or the navy.

The regular meeting of the Aids to Victory was held yesterday afternoon at the Silver Lake Betterment hall and was well attended. Preceding the meeting a luncheon was served in charge of Mrs. Mary Hutchings. Guests present included Chief and Mrs. Harry J. Ainsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Bean, Dr. Miriam Hosmer, Rev. and Mrs. Clyde M. Martin and son, and Mrs. Ernest MacDougall. A poem was read by Mrs. Wilfred Babine in honor of Max Jacobs and Henry Crogan who died in the service. This was followed by a silent prayer.

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Servicemen Honored; Annual Children's Party

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Aug. 24—Three servicemen representing the army, navy and marine corps, and a member of the women's marine corps were guests of honor recently at a luncheon and regular meeting of the Aids to Victory. Pvt. Edward Smith and his sister, Pfc. Marjorie Smith, both marines, were home on furlough together, Edward from his station in Santa Barbara, Calif., and his sister from her post in Washington, D. C. Sergt. Daniel White of the 16th weather squadron, who has been on duty in the Arctic region, flew 3000 miles in order to come home for his 14-day furlough. The fourth member of the armed forces who was present as a guest of the Aids to Victory was Chester Horton, Jr., carpenter's mate second class in the navy, who has been stationed in Dutch Harbor, Alaska, on duty with a navy construction crew. He flew 6000 miles home for his 30-day furlough, the first time he has been home in 14 months.

After a committee headed by Mrs. Mary Hadley, president of the organization, served the luncheon in the Silver Lake Betterment hall, Mrs. Doris Cady, a sectional chairman of the Aids to Victory, interviewed the guests of honor, who discussed their adventures and activities as fully as military secrecy would allow. The regular business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Hadley, followed Mrs. Cady's interviews, and tickets were given out for an entertainment to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14, by Wilfred Andrews, the 4-H club, and Smiley and Sue. The proceeds from the entertainment will be used toward the purchase of Christmas gifts for the boys in service, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The members of the Aids to Victory also voted to have a food table at the second field day, to be held on the common during the afternoon and evening Labor day Monday, Sept. 6. It was announced that Mrs. Susan Larson will give out books of chances on a hand-made pillow donated by Mrs. Thora Smith, and that drawing will be held at a future meeting.

Many communications were read by the secretary, Mrs. David Martin, and a letter from Bernice Neilson, who is in the Army Nurses corps in New Zealand, was read by her mother Mrs. Peter Neilson. The following boys were reported as receiving promotions in the service, Victor Bosteel, Thomas Davidson, Joseph Lynch, Arthur Pearson and Francis Crispo. Those reported on the sick list were, Harry Miller, William Meade and Peter Curl.

The next meeting of the Aids to Victory will be held on Thursday, Sept. 9, and will be an all-day affair because of the urgent need for wrapipng and sending Christmas gifts to the boys in the service. Members are asked to come to the betterment hall any time after 9 a. m., and to bring box lunches as well as string, scissors, and wrapping paper. A special committee headed by Mrs. Mary Hadley and including Miss Henrietta Swain, Mrs. Katherine Dalaimo, Mrs. Susan Larson, Mrs. Harriet Buck, and Mrs. Muriel Martin, plan to go to Boston later this week in order to begin the task of picking out approximately 500 gifts to be sent to Wilmington boys in the service. The presents which they select will be wrapped by the members at the all-day meeting on Sept. 9, and the September news letter will also be sent to members of the armed forces at that time.

DONATE BLOOD

The Aids to Victory is very proud of it's large list of people that went to the Red Cross blood center in Boston and Lowell to give their blood to save some one's life that is fighting so gallently for our peace.

There were six cars that went to Boston Thursday night: The drivers were: Mr. Howard Donohue, Mr. Augustus McLaughlin, Mr. Gus Detatoe, Mrs. Anthony Dalaimo, Mrs. Muriel Martin, and Mrs. Charles Hadley. The ones donating were: Miss Rose Ann Babine, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Blaisdell, Mrs. Christopher Bousfield, Mrs. Marguerite Casey, Mrs. Helen Cole, Mrs. Roland Deming, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Letatoe, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Donahue, Mr. Wm. Holdman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Howard, Mrs. Charles Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peters, Mrs. Myrtle Shaw, and Mrs. Anna Titilah.

There were four cars that went to Lowell: Dr. Miriam Hosmer, Mrs. Anthony Dalaimo, Mrs. Muriel Martin and Mrs. Charles Hadlay. Those donating were: Mrs. Grace Bousefield, Mrs. Jane Bull, Mrs. Anthony Bushman, Mrs. Howard Cates, Mrs. Mary Darling, Mrs. Agnes Davis, Miss Agnes Dimitro, Mrs. Leona Haley, Dr. Miriam Hosmer, Mrs. Ge trude Johns, Mrs. Muriel Martin, Mrs. Helen Noonan, Mrs. Hannah O'Conners, Mrs. Isabelle Pellerin, Mrs. Marjorie Wilson and Miss Minnie Wicks.

Those that were not able to donate this time and would like to go with the group in the spring kindly telephone Wil. 2034. It is hoped that the towns people will help to make the list much larger in order to establish a quota that Wilmington will be proud of.

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Bond Drive Continues; Selectmen in Session

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Sept. 28 — The amount of $19,000 in E war bonds and $15,000 in G war bonds had been purchased in this town up to 6 p. m. last night according to a report from Joseph B. McMahon, town chairman. Mrs. Stephen G. Bean, chairman of the women's division on the sale of war bonds, reports that the house-to-house canvassers have not all reported as yet and would like to ask all who can purchase a bond or a stamp to do so now and help the town to go over the top with its quota.

The board of selectmen announced at its meeting last night that applications were ready for the wives of servicemen who need pre-natal care. The applications may be secured at the town hall. The program is under the direction of the state department of public health, and is for emergency maternity and infant care.

Mrs. Stephen G. Bean, chairman of the Fourth War Loan drive reports the total sales and amounts through January andl February. E bonds, $37,300; all other bonds, $48,000; stamps $2964.25 with a grand total of $88,264.25. Wilmington was rated as second highest in percentage of the quota raised in the surrounding towns.

Since the last report published the following amounts were credited to the following organizations: Aids to Victory, $1325 in bonds and $28.75 in stamps; Silver Lake Betterment association, $281.25 in bonds and $15 in stamps; Wilmington Women's club $150.

The following amounts in bonds and stamps were sold during the month of February in the schools: High school, $1277.50; Buzzell school, $295.25; Center school, $254.65; Walker school, $105.85; Whitefield school $202.90; Mildred H. Rogers school, $142.80; Maple Meadow school, $56.60; West school, $75.80; total amounts sold since September in the schools were $10,895.32.

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Railroad Bridges, Theatre "Blown Up" in Mock Raid

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Aug. 3 — Boy Scouts acting as "saboteurs" planted mock bombs at strategic bridges during last night's test blackout and air raid alert, and "destroyed" the railroad bridges on Shawsheen, Burlington and Lake avenues. They also "blew up" the Wilmington theater. Medical detachments headed by Dr. Ernest C. MacDougall responded to wardens' calls for assistance, and administered first aid treatment to "injured" persons at the scenes of the various explosions. Fire and police units, as well as the police ambulance, also responded promptly, and Herbert Higginbotham, local test director, praised the efficient functioning of all civilian defense units in coping with the conditions brought about by the mock disasters. Observers from regional headquarters were stationed at the report center in the town hall to check on the speed with which incoming calls fom wardens and other members of defense units were handled. They will make a ful report to regional headquarters in Methuen.

George C. Kambour, chief air raid warden, said that only minor violations of the two-hour blackout and two red alerts were reported. "Enemy planes flying in from the coast, on their way to destroy the Bedford airport passed over Wilmington, he said, and the incidents staged by Mr. Higginbotham were planned to make it seem as if saboteurs were trying to stop military detachments from using the highways to get assistance to the bombed area.

Mr. Higginbotham praised the work of the Boy Scouts very highly. Aside from acting as saboteurs, and disaster victims in need of first aid, they carried messages from the report center to the Legion hall, where a good real of equipment is kept, and they also carried messages to civilian defense units in the selectmen's room. Among those on the local testing crew which assisted Mr. Higginbotham were Edwin Twomey, William Curtin and Roy Bousfield.

Molly Pitcher Day

Mrs. Frank Hadley, acting chairman of the war savings staff which is co-operating with the American Legion auxiliary in its drive to sell war bonds and stamps throughout the town on Molly Pitcher day, Wednesday, announced yesterday that the drive will continue through Saturday because of the impossibility of canvassing the entire town in one day. The town has been divided into districts, and various members of the auxiliary and other organizations will conduct a house-to-house canvass, selling war savings stamps in all denomination, and carrying applications for war bonds for the convenience of those who wish to buy them. Everyone who buys either a bond or stamps during the drive will be given a tag to wear, showing that he has contributed to the war effort. Among those who are assisting Mrs. Hadley in the canvassing are Mrs. Ralph Henderson, East Wilmington; Mrs. Agnes Davis, Glen road; Mrs. James Gilligan, Silver Lake; Barbara Haynes, Florence Nitchie and Catherine Higginbotham, Chestnut street; Geraldine Fitch, Hillside way; Mrs. Frank Gammons, West street; Mrs. Charles Chipman, North Wilmington; Mrs. Charles J. Allgrove and Miss Olive Merritt, Middlesex avenue; Mrs. A. C. Marlin, Burt road; Mrs. Joseph Kelley and Mrs. Ray Boutwell, Shawsheen avenue.

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War Rally Attracts Hundreds to Common

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, July 26—Hundreds of persons, including many service men, attended the evening rally held on the common Saturday night, the first of its kind to be held in Wilmington during this war. The rally committee, headed by Mrs. Stephen G. Bean, chairman of the local branch of the women's division of the war savings staff, presented a varied program which provided continuous entertainment, including band music, a speech, children's races, horseback riding, and street dancing. The speaker for the evening was Lester G. Hawes, representative of the administration department of the Boston office of the war savings staff.

While many children lined up at the south end of the common to wait their turn for a horseback ride on horses from a riding academy on Aldrich road, others took part in various races directed by Stephen Colucci, a former Tufts baseball star, and Herbert R. Boutwell, who acted as judge. The first race, for boys of 12 and under, was won by Bert Hadley and Robert Goss, and the race for girls of 12 and under was won by June Newhouse and Lorraine Blaisdell. Lorraine won the race for girls of 12 and over, and June came in second. The 100-yard dash for boys of 12 and over was won by Herbert Collins and James Cran, who came in first and second, respectively.

The three-legged race, which was open to both boys and girls, was won by Robert Goss and Herbert Collins. Dorothy Smith and Doris Richards came in second. The 50-yard dash for girls of 12 and over was won by Theresa Brienzi and Shirley Quigg, and an open race was won by Norman Stewart and James Crane.

The members of various local women's civic organizations, who served tonic, punch, ice cream, hot dogs, doughnuts and coffee, popcorn, candy and cooked food, reported that they could have sold twice as much as they did. Although the proceeds from the booths' sales have not been determined as yet, it is expected that they will represent a satisfactory profit. The organizations sponsoring and staffing booths were Rebekahs, White Elephant table and grab bag for children; Wilmington Grange, popcorn; women's division of civilian defense, tonic; surgical dressings and sewing group, ice cream and punch; American Legion auxiliary, hot dogs; 4-H clubs, candy; aids to victory, cooked food and war savings stamps, and the V. F. W. auxiliary 2458, doughtnuts and coffee.

One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the street dancing on a roped-off section of Church street, to the music of an eight-piece orchestra organized and directed by Mr. William Davis of Glen road. Although some of the neighboring towns have street dancing regularly, it was introduced for the first time in Wilmington at the rally. Special policemen detailed to direct traffic were Officers Miller, Mills, Rogers, Hewitt, Koslowski, and Huntley.

As chairman of the committee which planned and directed the rally, Mrs. Bean expressed her appreciation of the work done by Miss Helen Gazneau, Mr. Colucci and Mr. Boutwell, in organizing and directing the children's games; to the selectmen, the planning board, and the highway department for their assistance in preparing the common for the rally; to Mr. McGrath of Aldrich road, who brought his assistants and three saddle horses down from his riding academy without charge, to the Wilmington builders for necessary lumber; to the 4-H club, directed by Wilfred Andrews, who provided the booths and brought them to the common; to Messrs. Eames, Cail, Boutwell, Cady and McMahon, for their assistance; to Mrs. Philip Denner, who sang the Molly Pitcher song, in costume; to Mrs. Viola Staveley, who sang "God Bless America;" to Mr. Davis and his orchestra; to Mrs. Frank Hadley, Mrs. Michael Barry and Mrs. Joseph McMahon, who arranged for the lighting; Mrs. Agnes Davis, secretary of the Women's division of the war savings staff; Miss Helena Twomey and Mrs. Charles J. Allgrove, Jr., who was in charge of advertising and publicity.

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Need of Blood Donors; Rainbow Girls Meet

(Special to The Sun)

WILMINGTON, Oct. 25.—The Wilmington blood donor squad which is in charge of Assistant Chief Winfred Rice of the fire department is calling for more volunteers. Many of the members of the squad have given their blood to help the citizens of this town.

In 1938, Mr. Rice and Ernest Eames organized the souad with the help of Dr. Ernest MacDougall. At that time there were 18 men who volunteered to be typed and classified at the Winchester hospital. Three donors were used in the month of December in 1938 and four donors were used in 1939. In 1940, 13 patients were served and in 1941 13 more were given blood by the squad. Last year nine donors were used and up to the present date this year seven have been used.

At the present time there are 24 names listed in the squad of which four are now serving in the armed forces. Many of these mer have given their blood for the Red Cross also. Three of the members have given three transfusions, five have given two while seven have given one each.

Eight more names have been added to the list and have been typed and any one wishing to join this squad may do so by contacting Winfred W. Rice at the fire station and he will be glad to furnish all information.

A meeting was held at Legion hall last Friday night of the leaders of the national war fund drive which will open on Nov. 3. Mr. Joseph B. McMahon, chairman of the drive in this town opened the meeting and explained the purpose of the drive. For the first time the town has been included in Metropolitan Boston and will come under the Greater-Boston United war fund drive and will share in its benefits. Mr. Merritt A. Hewett, chairman of the Metropolitan division and Warren T. Johnson, secretary of the north metropolitan division were speakers and outlined the proper way to conduct the drive in this town. Mr. Paul D. Emmons, chairman of the local salvage drive also spoke on the coming tin can drive which will take place next Wednesday.

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Wilmington Girl on Duty in War Zone

Lt. Margaret Neilson Writes Home From Pacific Zone Hospital

WILMINGTON—From the Yale School of Nursing to a base hospital somewhere in the Pacific is a long jump for any girl to make, but Second Lieutenant Margaret Neilson, army nurse corps, has ac-

Lieut. Margaret Neilson

cepted her new duties with the eagerness and sense of humor which have carried her through hard years of study as a student nurse.

In a letter dated May 15, Lieut. Neilson told her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Neilson of Wilmington, that she had been christened the "fever queen" of her hospital, because she was in charge of the new fever machine which raises a patient's temperature in order to combat infection. While she was writing the letter, she said, she had to get up every five minutes or so and check the patient's pulse and temperature to make sure that the machine was working as it should.

Speaking of the Easter services held in the post chapel, Lieutenant Neilson said, "We had an unusually lovely church service, with a great many white chrysanthemums all over everywhere." Although she could not divulge the location of the hospital, she was able to say that her cousin, Bernice Neilson, also an army nurse, who grew up with her in Wilmington, had been assigned to a room directly across from her own in the hospital, so that they were able to see each other whenever they were off duty.

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Wilmington Father of Missing Sailor Guest at Launching

M. M. Stanley Colburn, U. S. N., Speaker at Ceremony as U. S. S. "Walke" Starts Career

BRUNSWICK, Me.—Stanley Colburn of 117 Church street, Wilmington, a first class motor machinist's mate, attached to the U. S. naval air station at Brunswick, Me., and father of Wesley Winship Colburn, machinist's mate first class, missing in action since the U. S. S. Walke was lost in the final battle of Guadalcanal, participated Wednesday, Oct. 27, in the launching of the new U. S. S. Walke at the Bath Iron Works, at Bath, Me.

In a short speech, Colburn paid tribute to the men who had fought the preceding Walke to its last shot and called upon the new Walke to exact full retribution for the men who are lost or missing since the present Walke's predecessor was blasted into three parts by Jap shell-fire and torpedoes shortly after midnight on Nov. 15, 1942.

Accompanying Colburn to the launching was William Upton, seaman first class, of Rumford, Me., who had been a shipmate of the young Colburn on the Walke. In the water 14 hours before being picked up by a cruiser-based scout observation plane, Upton said that he had seen young Colburn in the water some eight hours after the ship had been abandoned.

The preceding Walke had been a busy ship, Upton said, having participated in North Atlantic patrol, the first raid on the Marshall-Gilbert islands and also was at Salamaua, Lae and fought in the battle of the Coral sea, in addition to the action around Guadalcanal that finally brought her career to a close.

Upton and the younger Colburn had served through all of the Walke's busy career. Colburn was aboard her for her shakedown cruise and served with her to the end.

The senior Colburn also is a veteran of the South Pacific area having been at New Zealand and with Admiral Halsey at New Caledonia. At one point in his South Pacific service, he visited his son aboard the ill-fated Walke.

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Wilmington WAC War Commentator

Lieut. Sylvia Neilson Assembles and Reports World News at Georgia Fort

FORT OGLETHORPE, Ga.—To the GI's at Fort Oglethorpe, Lieut. Sylvia Neilson of Wilmington, Mass., is a khaki-clad Kaltenborn ...a Post Raymond Gram Swing.. an armchair traveler who reports the news of the moment from both foreign and domestic battle fronts for the personnel here.

Army Orientation is the war department's name for the course she teaches. It is presented to officer and enlisted women and men alike in regular weekly scheduled sessions. This schooling is necessary partially because we must have an intellectual faith behind our fighting.

Newsreels provided by the war department thread through her course; they paint in the backdrop of battle, the motive behind the guns. Lieut. Neilson adds to it the play-by-play account of every day's action. She prepares her daily lectures from the ticker tape of our time—the war communiques. The research she does is tremendous. She pores over newspapers, periodicals and magazines by the hour, selecting the fragments of this world-wide jig saw puzzle. Then she is faced with the job of assembling them into a completely accurate and oriented picture. Her work is made more difficult by the fact that the emphasis and tides of war shift daily and she must change with them.

Names that nobody knew—Saidor, Empress Augusta Bay, Dniester, Dnieper and Bug—she has translated into terms that mean men's lives. She never forecasts; that isn't her job. She simply correlates and presents the facts to her completely GI audience.

History is no stranger to this New England WAC officer; she taught it for seven years to a group of 'teen-age youngsters in a Massachusetts school room. Now as a first lieutenant in the army of the United States she relates its inch by inch progress over the battle-scarred world.

Lieut. Neilson herself is blonde, and slim as a Monday morning newspaper. She seems shy and a little anxious but once on the platform speaks with all the timidity of a Thompson sub-machine gun. The words shoot out, and all thought of self is swept away in the current of her thoughts.

With a map and her mind as central tools she wages an educational warfare—a warfare which she permeates with the rich vein of Yankee humor. The world is her textbook...her thoughts are history.

Promoted to Captain in WAC

FORT OGLETHORPE, Ga.—The War department announces the promotion to captain of Sylvia Dorothy Neilson, Wilmington, Mass., advanced training officer at the WAC training center here. Captain Neilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Neilson, 254 Glen road, Wilmington. She is the sister of Captain Larz Neilson, merchant marine and Lieut. Bernice Neilson, army nurse.

A former teacher in the Wilmington schools, the captain has as part of her present duties conducting "orientation" classes for the permanent personnel at Fort

Capt. Sylvia D. Neilson

Oglethorpe. These classes, attended by enlisted men and women and officers, are usually a study of current affairs, discussion groups, or "GI" films. Every man and woman soldier attends orientation one hour weekly.

Capt. Neilson has also served as an instructor in the administrative section, first WAC training center, Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and in WAC officer candidate school. A graduate of Boston university, she has done graduate work at Columbia university, N. Y.

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Honor Roll List; Waste Paper Drive On

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WILMINGTON, Dec. 16—The first list of names that appear on the Wilmington honor roll are as follows:

Adams, George A., Jr.; Adams, John A.,; Ainsworth, Raymond L.; Altman, Gerald; Amirault, Mark E.; Anderson, Ronald; Anderson, William A.; Atkins, Leonard K.; Atwood, Clifford M.; Ayotte, Albert L.; Ayotte, Edward J.; Ayotte, Francis L.; Ayotte, Paul; Babine, Francis E.; Babine, Henry J.; Baldwin, Charles J.; Balser, Foster B.; Barnes, Davis H.; Barrows. Herbert C., Jr.; Barrows, John R.; Barrows, Wallace E.; Bateman, Eugene F.; Bedell, LeRoy B., Jr.; Bedell, Walter E.; Bell, Warren V.; Bergen, Clement A.; Biggar, Paul J.; Bishop, Benjamin H.; Bishop, Freeman E.; Bishop, Frank R.; Black, Charles H., Jr.; Blackburn, Alfred S., Jr.; Blaisdell, Alvin E.; Blaisdell, Elliott B.; Bock, David R.; Bond, Kenneth C.; Bond, Keith H.; Bond, William C.; Bonning, Frederick W., Jr.; Bouchie, Rose H.; Boulester, John J.; Bousefield, Florence; Brabant, Edward L.; Bradley, Henry, Jr.; Bragdon, Joseph S.; Branscone, John; Brennan, Francis J. W.; Brennan, Michael; Bridges, Frank B.; Britt, Franklin E.; Britt, Howard J.; Brooks, Albert F.; Brown, Albert A.; Burns, Edward; Burns, Ernest C.; Durpee, Ellery; Burris, William R.; Butters, Robert R.; Butterworth, Arthur; Butterworth, Charles; Cail, Ernest J.; Cail, Gordon F.; Cail, Thomas B.; Calnan, George F.; Cameron, John P.; Campbell, Douglas E.; Campbell, Harry M.; Carlson, Carl; Carpenter, Charles R.; Carpenter, Edward A.; Carpenter, Frank G., Jr.; Carpenter, Richard J.; Carpenter, Robert J.; Carpenter, Walter F.; Carter, Daniel R.; Carter, Luther A.; Casaletto, James E.; Casey, Kenneth M.; Cavanaugh, Joseph W.; Cavanaugh, Thomas A.; Chapman, Lawrence H.

The second list of names appearing on the Wilmington honor roll follows; Chapman, William A.; Charest, Donald; Charest, Roland R.; Chase, Merwin L.; Chisholm, Alice P.; Christian, Howard J.; Cipollo, Joseph J.; Cochrane, Louis W.; Coffey, John W.; Cohen, Ruth; Colburn, Stanley; Cole, Lawrence; Cole, Raymond C.; Coombs, Corydon W.; Cosgrove, Charles F.; Cote, Arthur A.; Cote, Joseph W.; Crispo, Charles N.; Crispo, Francis A.; Crispo, Leo H.; Crogan, Bernard F.; Crogan, Henry E.; Cunningham, Joseph J., Jr.; Cuoco, Consta; Cuoco, John; Cuoco, Joseph J.; Curl, Peter V.; Daley, Richard J.; Day, Donald M.; Davidson, Thomas S.; Dayton, Frank H.; Dayton, William P.; Dec, Henry B.; DeCota, Edward F.; Delaronde, Stanley A.; Delaronde, Thomas P.; DeLisle, Bernard R.; Deltorto, Edward F.; Deltorto, Francis E.; Deltorto, Joseph A.; Deming, Rupert; Demitor, George E.; Denault, Harold W.; Denault, Noah F., Jr.

Denner, Philip F. Jr.; Desharnais, George O.; Dickie, Edgar, W.; Dillaway, George L. Jr.; Dillaway, George L. (3rd); Dillaway, Manson; Donegan, John T. M.; Donovan, Joseph I. Jr.; Donovan, Martin P.; Doucette, Bernard E.; Doucette, Clarence E. Jr.; Doucette James H.; Doucette, William R.; Douglas, Forrest E.; Douglas, Robert L.; Dowling, Edward M.; Dowling, Thomas J.; Drew, Calvin C.; Drew, Leonard C.; Drew, Richard H.; Duffy, James A.; Duggan, James G.; Duggan, Thomas R.; Dupont, Joseph N. H.; Durkee, Edward H.; Eames, Elden S.; Eaton, Everard H.; Edell, Howard B.; Edell, Robert B.; Ellis, Paul M.; Ellsworth, Walter E.; Epstein, Allick; Esler, Catherine; Evans, Bernard C.; Evans, Charles M.; Fagan, Dr. Gerald A.; Fagans, William A.; Farrell, Edward H.; Farrell, Francis J.; Farrell, Marion V.; Farrell, Paul A.; Farrell, Thomas W.; Ferren, William T.; Ferrick, William P.

The third list of names appearing on the Wilmington Honor Roll are as follows:

Field, Frederick J.; Roger, S. H.; Findlay, Arthur D. Jr.; Fish, Arthur C, Jr.; Fish, Frederick J.; Douglas, H.; Fitzgerald, Edward L.; Fitzgerald. Patrick J.; Flagg, Paul H.; Fleming, Christopher J.; Fleming, Joseph P.; Fleming. Thomas H.; Foley, George, Jr.; Forson, John A.; Forson, Robert; Foster, Lawrence; Foye, Robert B.; Froton, George A.; Froton, William A.; Fuller, Willard C.; Gagliono, Vincent; Gagnon, Cyrille; Galka, Adam T.; Galka, Francis A.; Galka, Joseph; Galka, Thomas J.; Galka, Waclaw A.; Gallagher, Frederick T.; Gallant, Augustine G. N:; Garay, John; Garland, Thomas F.; Gates, George E. Gichun, Walter; Gilbert, Gerald E.; Giles, Lawrence W.; Gillis, James; Gillis, John J.; Godzyk, Paul G.; Gordon, Julius; Gordon, William J.

Goss Raymond V.; Goss, Walter F.; Gould, Everett, C.; Grant, Daryl, L.; Grant, Duane, E.; Grant, Samuel W.; Gray, George A.; Gray, Joseph, E.; Grimes, Joseph A.; Guild, Frederick W.; Gustavson, Harry E.; Gustus, Edward, A.; Hadley, Frank J. Jr.; Hale, Albert R.; Hammond, Andrew W.; Hand, Roscoe, O.; Harnden, Kenneth E.; Hart, Albert W.; Hart, John W.; Hathaway, Elliott, H.; Hemeon, Beverly; Henderson, Charles A.; Henderson, Richard L.; Henderson, Ralph W. Jr.; Henderson, Russell; Hennessey, John W.; Hennessey, William J. Jr.; Higginbotham Herbert; Hillson, Arthur W.; Hillson, George, Francis; Hillson, Lawrence E.; Hinxman, Warren E.; Hitchcock, Harold R.; Hoban, Francis S.; Holmes, Thomas A.; Hood, Talbot R.; Horton, Chester T. Jr.; Horton, Frederick H.; Hovey, Elwin, W.; Howe, Leland R.; Howell, William D. Sr.; Howell, William D. Jr.; Huntley, Frank; Imbimbo, Armando, J.; Ingalls, Adelbert, T.; Ingalls, Milo L. Sr., Irvine, Wrndell, J.; Jacobs, Hyman.

The fourth group in the list of names appearing on the Wilmington honor roll is as follows:

Jacobs, Joseph; Jensen, Edward W.; Johansen, Carl N.; Johnson, Earl R.; Johnson, Joseph E.; Joyce, John J., Jr., Julius, John J. Jr.; Kadlac, William F.; Kaiser, Sidney R.; Keane, Francis M..; Kelley, Arthur J.; Kelley, Joseph S.; Kelly, Henry M.;Kenyon, Sherwood; Kerkel, Anthony; Kleynen, Frederick M.; Kleynen, Kenneth W.; Kleynen, Louis L. Jr.; Kobylis, Augustine J.; Kobylis, Edmund C.; Laconte, Anthony F.; LaCoss, Kenneth F.; La Coss, Robert C.; LaDow, Chester F.; Lamb, Roland A.; Lamoureux, Louis E.; LeDoux, Eric E.; LeFave, Frederick; Levenson, Solomon; Livingston, Frank E.; Livingston, George H.; Livingston, Herbert; Leder, John K.; Lovely, Joseph D.; Lucawiecki, Philip; Lynch, Alfred E.; Lynch, Alfred M.; Lynch, Joseph R.

Lynch, Paul J.; Lynch, William J.; Lyons, Thomas; Main, Ralph G.; Maker, George W.; Malatesta, Albert H.; Malatesta, Charles L.; Malatesta, Robert A.; Mann, Gordon H.; Mann, William J.; Manning, Edward C.; Marfleet, Albert H.; Markey, John L.; Marlin, John A.; Martins, John A.; McCabe, Edward J.; McCabe, Paul M.; McCue, James H.; McDonald, Earl J.; McGlashing, Richard G.; McGoohan, Rev. James J.; McHugh, James H.; McKenzie, Donald F.; McKinnon, John R.; McManus, Joseph F.; McManus, James P.; McManus, Patrick F.; McPhee, Harry H.; Meade, John G.; Meade, William; Melanson, Arthur F.; Melanson, Francis J.; Melanson, Robert L.; Melvin, James; Melzar, Elliot P.; Melzar, Frederic, P.; Merrill, Walter R.; Metcalf, Paul T.; Meuse, James A.; Miller, Edgar R.; Miller, Harry F.; Mills, Richard C.; Mills, William P.; Miron, Norman N.; Mitchell, Alexander I., Jr.; Modelvesky, Hyman; Moore, Melvin A.; Mooers, Edward P.; Morlani, Louis R.; Mosack, John.

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WILMINGTON, Dec. 11—The honor roll committee announces that the names on the honor roll have been received and placed. The names of two boys are missing as they were received spelled incorrectly. The above names will be placed as soon as the correction has been made.

The following names are in process and will be inserted as soon as received: Carpenter, Edward A.; Charest, Donald; Demitros, George E.; Doucette, William E.; Ferrick, William P.; Fuller, Willard C.; Henderson, Russell; Kelley, Arthur J.; Lynch, William J.; Muse, L. Roy; Parsons, John C.; Plimpton, George E.; Wilkins, Louis C.

If any one notices any errors or omissions kindly call to the attention of Mr. L. T. McMahon, tel. 2014. The entire honor roll will be published in installments starting next week.

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The fifth list in the group of names on the Wilmington honor roll follows: Henry, J.: Munro, Robert L.; Murray, Frederick, L.; Murray, Roy E.; Muse, L. Roy; Muse, Walter H.; Muse, Wilfred T.; Nary, Elmer, Jr.; Nary, Norman; Nary, Lindsey, F.; Nee, John; Nee, Roland W.; Nee, William P.; Neilson, Berniee; Neilson, Margaret; Neilson, Norman E.; Neilson, Sylvia; Newcomb, George H.; Newcomb, H. Oliver; Nichols, Alvah; Nichols, Guy; Nicholson, George L.; Nims, Donald F.; Nitchie, Herbert A. Noah, Frederick, D.; O'Connell, William B.; O'Connor, Lawrence; O'Connors, Thomas J., Jr.; O'Leary, Robert E.; Oman, Donald; Ouellette, Alfred G.; Overton, Alfred S.; Palace, Albert F.; Palino, Angelo J.; Palmer, Irvan E.; Parks, Eloise A.; Parsons, John C.; Pascueci, John V.; Parl, Clarence R.; Pearson, Arthur W. Peitzsch, Paul A.

Peters, Clarence J. Jr.; Pickowicz, George J.; Pike, Samuel P. Jr.; Pilcher, Stephen, J.; Plimpton, Frank H. Jr.; Plimpton, George E.; Plimpton, Kenneth D.; Polcaro, Frank E.; Polcaro, Gennaro, C.; Polcaro, John; Power, James C.; Quigley, Bert; Ramoska, Joseph R.; Raynard, George; Read, Kenneth, N.; Reid, Charles M.; Reynolds, George E.; Rice, Charles E.; Rice, Irving H.; Richards, Irving R.; Richards, James H.; Richards, Wellington, G.; Riddle, Thomas, F.; Riddle, Walter G.; Riley, Franklin, Swift; Riley, Joseph H. Jr.; Ring, Bernard F.; Ring, James M.; Ring, Leo F.; Ritchie, John A.; Roche, Robert E.; Rogers, Martha E.; Rooney, Jerome F.; Ross, Charles B.; Rothwell, Edward R.; Russell, Douglass S.; Russell, Edward A.; Russell, James F.; Sabathe, Theophile H.; Sampson, Walter J.; Saulnier, Francis X., Jr.; Scafidi, Alfred; Scaltrito, Andrew J.; Scaltrito, Dominic J.; Schacht, Walter E.; Scott, James W.

The sixth list in the group of names appearing on the Wilmington honor roll follows: Eugene H. Shaw, Raymond F. Sheehan, Robert E. Sheehan, William P. Sheehan, Walter J. Shelley, John T. Shelley, George E. Shepard, Jr., John E. Shepard, Joseph F. Slater, Alfred S. Smeltzer, Edward L. Smith, George R. Smith, Herbert D. Smith, Marjorie C. Smith, Paul C. Smith, Richard F. Smith, Carl A. Solomonson, Charles F. Soule, Howard Spring, Warren C. Squibb, John M. Starr, Warren A. Staveley, Frederick H. Stevens, Dorothy Stewart, Evyrl H. Stewart, John H. Sullivan, Charles D. Sumner, George H. Sumner, Ellis E. Swain, Chester J. Szupello, Joseph J. Szupello, Donald C. Tarbell, Roy A. Tate, Ralph A. Taylor, Sidney O. Taylor, Daniel Tello, John G. Tello, Anton V. Thiel, Jr., John F. Thornton, Joseph J. Thornton, Jr., John F. Twomey, Ruth Van Steensburg, Donald E. Verril, Edmund A. Vigeant, Gerald A. Vigeant, Philip A. Vigeant, Anthony J. Waisnor, Jr., William T. Waisnor, Charles H. Walsh, Edmund J. Waters, Charles N. Watters, Robert H. Watters, Daniel J. White, John A. White, Warren A. White, Waldo D. Whitney, Hubert E. Wicks, Lloyd J. Wicks, Leslie W. Wicks, Ralph B. Wieks, Louis O. Wilkins, William P. Williams, Edward W. Willis, Warren W. Wilmot, Wetson P. Wilson, Irving F. Witham, Stanley E. Witham, Joseph H. Woods, Jr., Howard C. Woolaver, Sherman H. Woolaver, Isreal L. Yaffa, Frank P. Yentile, George L. Young, Robert J. Young and Leo J. Zanotti.

The Honored Dead

Butterworth, William E.
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Edwinson, John E. Jr.
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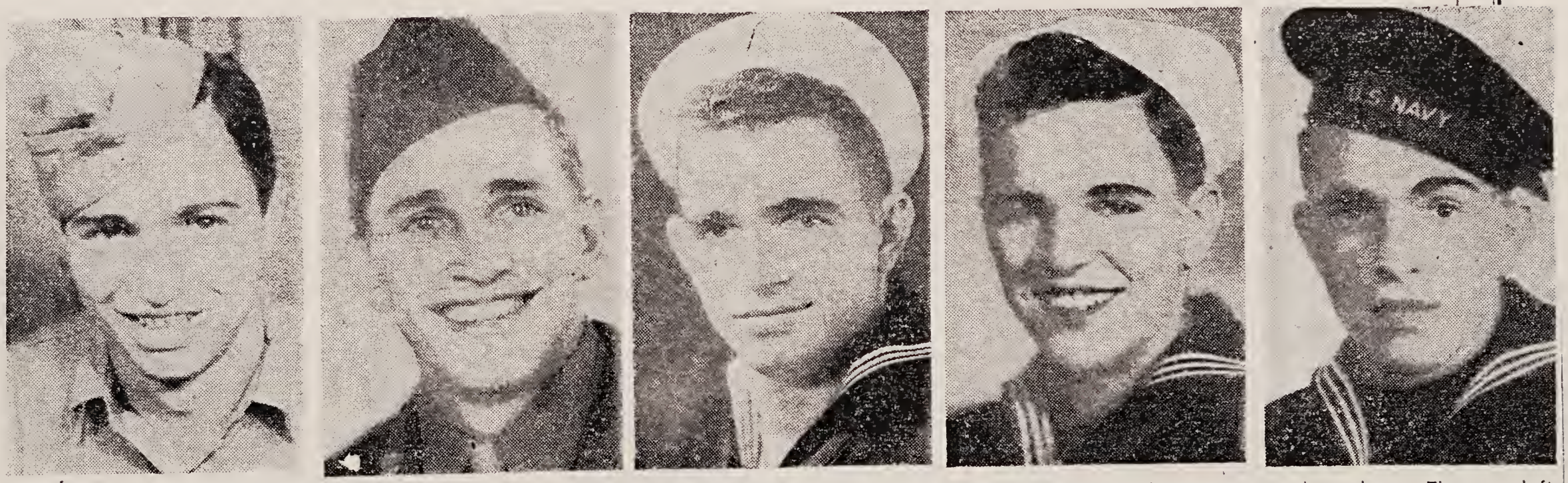

WILMINGTON BROTHERS SERVE—The five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carpenter of Beacon street, Wilmington, in the service are shown here. They are, left to right: Charles R., third class carpenter's mate with the Seabees, now home on leave from the South Pacific where he served for two years; Pvt. Edward, in the army transportation corps in France; Machinist Third Class Frank G., with the Seabees in the Hawaiian islands; Second Class Petty Officer Richard, with the aviation quartermaster corps in Jacksonville, Fla.; and Robert, an armed guard on a merchant vessel, U. S. navy. Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter expects to be called to duty in December.

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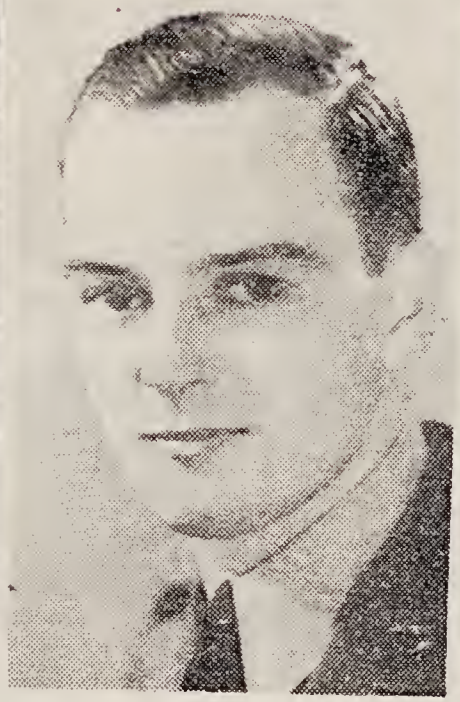

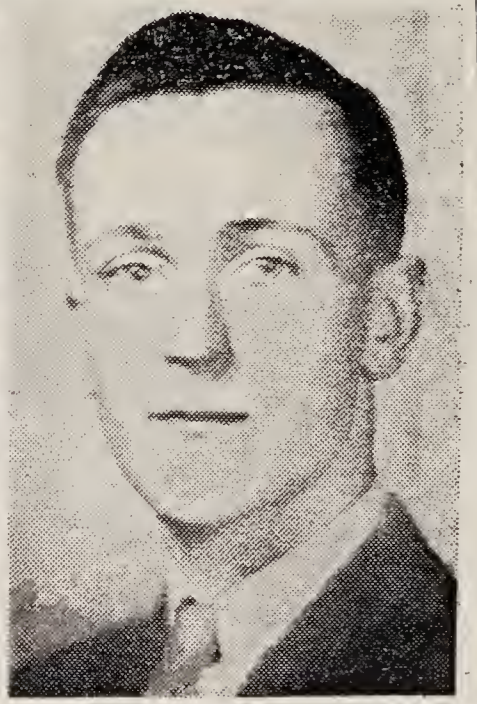

WILMINGTON MEN SERVE—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Galka of Beacon street, Wilmington, are the parents of five sons in the service of their country. They are, left to right—Joseph, seaman second class, who entered the navy, Dec. 8, 1942, and is in the South Pacific area; Pfc. Waclaw, who entered the army in May, 1942, and is stationed in the Hawaiian islands; Cpl. Adam P., a member of the Wilmington school committee, who entered the air force in March, 1941, and is now overseas; T. Cpl. Thomas J., now somewhere in Italy, who entered the service in December, 1942; and Pvt. Francis A., who entered the service in September, 1943.

Two Sets Of Twins From Wilmington In Service

A Three Sar flag hung in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wicks of Parker street until Monday of this week when it was replaced with a flag possessing four stars.

Leslie W. Wicks, their son, who is well known in town, having been employed in McLaughlin's Drug store for three and a half years, left town to join the United States Navy.

By Leslie entering the services he gives this town the honor of two sets of twins from one family serving their country in the Navy, it is doubtful if any other family in the country have two sets of twins from one home serving one division of the armed forces. There are several families in town with four or more sons in the service, but the Wicks family are the only ones with two sets of twins in the Navy.

Leslie was born in Somerville and moved here with his parents 15 years ago where he attended Wilmington schools, his twin brother, Lloyd J. Wicks, has been with the Navy reserves for four years. He is married, his wife prior to her marriage was Miss Grace Van Steensburg of Hobson Ave., Silver Lake. The couple have a son eight months old. Lloyd would have been released from the reserves in a few days when President Roosevelt announced that no releases would be allowed, this was prior to our country entering the war. So Lloyd stayed in and is at present on an Oil tanker somewhere in the Solomons.

Ralph B. Wicks and his twin brother Hubert are both serving their country in the Coast Guards. Ralph has been in the service for three years, he has not been home for seven months, however, a recent letter states that he expects to be home during February. He has traveled all along the coast of Greenland, Iceland and while in Newfoundland, visited his mother's people, whom he had not seen for years.

Ralph's twin brother, Hubert, is stationed in Long Island and is a second class cook. He has been in the service only a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wicks can well feel proud of this splendid record made for them by their four sons, all of whom are well known and respected in town. Besides these four twins the Wicks have two other sons and six daughters.

Other families in town who have the honor of having four sons in the service include the family of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Galka of Beacon street, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ayotte of Wildwood street, Mr. and Mrs. M. Carpenter of Beacon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Livingston of Main street who have four sons in the service and when Wilbur enters shortly will have five sons from town in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ring of Middlesex avenue, North Wilmington have three sons now in service and their fourth son Leo is expecting to leave this month.

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RADIO SKIT HEARD OVER STATION WEEI SATURDAY

PRISCILLA—Good Morning Ladies—And now our guests for today, suggested to me in a letter from Mrs. Mabel Garrow, of Wilmington ....I'd like you all to meet Mrs. Mary Hadley, President of a very worthwhile club called "Aids to Victory" and also Mrs. Muriel Martin, Treasurer and Secretary, Mrs. Doris Cady and Mrs. Ruth Bond. Now, I must confess, first of all, I don't know just where Wilmington is—will you tell me, Mrs. Hadley.

It is sixteen miles north of Boston on the Lowell road. One can either go through Reading or Woburn.

PRISCILLA—What do you like best about living there, Mrs. Martin?

I like the peace and quiet of the country and as I am greatly interested in birds and flowers I can enjoy both of these where my home is located. Being a native of Wilmington I enjoy many friendships of long standing.

PRISCILLA—How did this club Aids to Victory start? Will you tell us Mrs. Hadley?

We wanted to do something for the Wilmington boys and girls in service in a direct way and a group of 30 ladies met and formed the Aids to Victory at the Betterment Hall. I only wish that other towns would adopt the same idea for their boys and girls in service.

PRISCILLA—Who thought of the same, Mrs. Martin?

Several names were suggested and then voted upon and "Aids to Victory" suggested by my mother, Mrs. William Taylor, received the most votes.

PRISCILLA—What are some of the projects you've worked on? Will you start the ball rolling, Mrs. Hadley?

First we sent about 150 to 200 form letters to the boys and girls in the service asking them to check any article listing that they might need. The ladies would knit them according to their own specifications. Secondly a can of peanuts was sent to them all. We also send birthday cards and handkerchiefs, sick cards and promotion cards, cookies and any special items requested by them. We have also contributed to the USO, gave a tea at the Seamen's Club and had an entertainment and dance for boys from nearby camps besides buying stamps and war bonds.

PRISCILLA—What are some other things the club is doing, Mrs. Martin?

Our latest and most welcome project, judging from the letters received, is a monthly "Home News" paper that is being sent to over four hundred boys and girls stationed all over the world. This paper was made possible through the kindness of Dana Wingate Kelley, editor of the Wilmington Mirror, who is doing the printing for us without charge. We are about to start on the Christmas packages that will be sent to about 450 in the service which is an increase of about ninety over last year.

PRISCILLA—How many members do you have now?

Mrs. H.—We have about 100 members at present and also a great many friends that are unable to attend but are always willing to lend a helping hand.

PRISCILLA—What part of the club program appeals to you most, Mrs. Bond?

I like the way the women of Wilmington cooperate and put on the luncheons, donating all the food and their services.

Doris Cady—The part of the club program that appeals to me most is the reading of the boys' letters expressing their appreciation for all the things done for them by the Aids to Victory.

PRISCILLA—What are some of your interests, outside of this club?

Mrs. H.—Right now farming gardening and canning are keeping me very busy. Although my hobby is horses and riding.

Mrs. M.—The Observation Post and many organizations and then if there is any time left I like to weed our Victory garden.

Mrs. C.—At present the Women's Defense Corp and Red Cross takes all of my spare minutes.

Mrs. B.—I belong to the same groups and find my time well taken up with no minutes to waste.

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$60,000 Fire Whips Through Wilmington Business Center

Apparatus From Four Towns Fights Blaze Which Demolishes One-Story Wooden Block

WILMINGTON—Flames which raged out of control for more than two hours and brought apparatus from three surrounding towns on a general alarm, all but demolished a one-story wooden block yesterday afternoon in the town's business center, causing damage estimated at $60,000.

Whipped by a high wind, flames raced through the structure almost upon discovery, as several customers and employees in the block fled for their lives. The blaze gave the Wilmington fire department and departments from surrounding towns a two-hour fight before it was brought under control and obstructed traffic on heavily travelled Routes 38 and 129 for more than four hours.

Four Stores In Block

Destroyed in the blaze were Adrian Durkee's Barber Shop, an antique shop owned by Helen Chrushfield, the Helen Castine Beauty Shop, and McLaughlin's Drug store, owned by Melvin Woodside. The one-story building was located from 424 to 430 Main street, near the intersection of Church street.

Fire Chief Joseph Barton said the fire apparently had its origin when an oil burner exploded in the antique shop shortly after 2 o'clock. Firemen reported, however, the state fire marshall's office had been contacted, and further investigation will be made today to establish the cause of the blaze.

Mrs. Helen Castine, operator of the beauty shop, said she first knew the building was on fire when she observed smoke and flames spurting out from the top of the partition between her quarters and those occupied by the antique shop next door. She fled the building with Mrs. Kay Downing, a customer, and ran to spread the alarm. A barber on duty in Durkee's barber shop and Mrs. Chrushfield, operator of the antique shop, also fled the building at the same time.

So rapidly did the flames whisk through the building, that the barber left his coat and hat behind, scooping the receipts from the cash register as he fled.

The first alarm was sounded at 2.10 p. m. and Chief Barton ordered a general alarm because of the high winds and location of the blaze. Adjacent to the wooden structure is a brick block housing the First National store, a gift shop and a bakery.

The Wilmington department responded to the alarm with five pieces of equipment. They were joined within a short time by companies from Wakefield, Reading and Tewksbury. Melrose Fire Chief Sidney C. Field also responded to the alarm and joined with local fighters in battling the fire.

Put Up Fire Screen

Firemen sent up a protective fire screen to save the remainder of the block, and were largely successful in restricting the blaze to the barber shop, the antique shop, and the beauty parlor. The drug store at the end of the block suffered less actual fire damage than the rest of the building, but its believed to have been weakened beyond repair and suffered heavy water damage.

The flames left most of the building a ruined mass of charred spars and timbers, and officials said the losses could run as high as $60,000. Considerable smoke damage firemen reported, occurred in the adjacent brick building, even though the flames did not lick their way through the heavy wall.

The blaze attracted hundreds of onlookers and raged for two hours. The one story structure was topped by a four-foot high "blind" attic over a metal ceiling, where a veritable inferno raged over the top of the entire building. Firemen laid hose from adjacent highways and from some as much as an eighth of a mile from the building.

Assisting the Wilmington department with its five pieces of equipment were the Wakefield department under Fire Chief Clifford Jacob; the Tewksbury department under Fire Chief Anthony Obdens, and a Reading company under Chief Hugh Eames. Both Reading and Tewksbury provided pumping apparatus.

The building was reportedly owned by Harry Alberg of Boston and leased by Mr. Woodside. Some of the occupants of the building were partially covered by insurance, it was reported.

William S. Cavanaugh, operator of a local cab company, with headquarters in a nearby building, said he saw the fire almost at the same time the alarm was sounded. "I never saw a fire spread so fast," he said. "It happened so fast it was almost like a flash fire, and the people in the building were lucky to get out when they did."

Traffic was being rerouted about the scene of the fire as late as 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as hose lines covered the main street and business area.

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FOUR TOWNS FIGHT WILMINGTON BLAZE—Firemen from Wakefield, Reading and Tewksbury joined with the Wilmington department yesterday afternoon in fighting a stubborn two-hour general alarm fire in a one-story wooden business block near the Wilmington depot. The flames gutted a barber shop, antique shop, and beauty parlor, and are believed to have damaged beyond repair a local drug store in the same block at the intersection of Church and Main streets.

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Town Manager Begins April 16

The first Town Manager of Wilmington is Mr. Dean C. Cushing, the Board of Selectmen announced recently. Chosen from thirty-one applicants, Mr. Cushing comes to Wilmington from Derry, N. H., where he started the manager plan two years ago. He will take up his new duties on April 16, 1951.

According to the Board of Selectmen, Wilmington is very fortunate to obtain a Town Manager with the ability and record of accomplishment possessed by Mr. Cushing. With the co-operation of town officers, employees and other citizens, they believe Mr. Cushing will prove to be highly satisfactory as your Town Manager.

DEAN C. CUSHING

Wilmington Town Manager

Derry is a town of 6,000 population rather similar to Wilmington in nature. In two years at Derry, Mr. Cushing has re-organized and instituted a training program in the police department, established a simplified accounting and purchasing system, started planned expenditures for capital investments, equipment replacements and road construction, expanded the use of park and playground areas, reduced costs in the water department and highway department and reduced the overall budget.

The Town of Derry, which hires its Town Manager under an enabling act, had a contract with Mr. Cushing which could be broken by either party at any time, and which was renewable annually. At the time when Mr. Cushing notified the Selectmen of Derry that he was leaving, the second year had just been completed. The selectmen of Derry have since then expressed their good will and confidence in Mr. Cushing, and he is helping them in their choice of a replacement for himself.

Mr. Cushing has found time for several professional and fraternal organizations including the American Legion and the VFW. He is married and has two small children.

The search for a good man to be our first Town Manager began in February when the former Board of Selectmen started to advertise in the "City Managers' News Letter" which reaches virtually every city and town manager in the country. A total of thirty-one applications was received before a final choice had been made.

Some of the applicants were ineligible because our charter requires that the manager must have had full time paid experience as a town or city manager or assistant manager. Applications were received from Florida, Kansas, North Dakota, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts and Germany.

Each selectman in turn had the applications for careful, private study. After this individual study, opinions were compared. It was found that all the selectmen had chosen the same five candidates as being the top men of the whole group.

These five were therefore asked to come to Wilmington for personal interviews, which they did on Friday and Saturday, March 16, and 17, 1951.

On the basis of the impressions made in these interviews and the additional information obtained, Mr. Cushing was rated as the number one choice of the five.

It was then thought the best additional check would be to talk with various people in Derry where Mr. Cushing has been the manager for the last two years.

Selectmen Lyons, Melzar and Woods visited Derry; Mr. Lawler was ill and Mr. Black was also unable to make the trip. They presented themselves to several people chosen at random as interested in a general way in the town manager form of government. In talks with a good cross section of the people of Derry, who freely gave their frank opinions, they found virtually unanimous agreement that Mr. Cushing has done an excellent job there.

In the final discussion among the Selectmen, Mr. Black expressed doubt whether the Board had done enough to uncover the best possible candidates and whether adequate investigation had been made of Mr. Cushing. However the Board voted four to one to select a manager with the information at hand and without further delay Mr. Cushing was then chosen.

The new Town Manager attende Bowdoin College for four years, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government. His college work was interrupted by four years in the U. S. Army Intelligence Service, part of this time overseas.

He served in Guam, and in Saipan, in a unit which was attached to the 77th Division, and in which had the duty of evaluating intelligence.

He served one year as executive director of the Brunswick, Maine, Chamber of Commerce, then went on to complete the requirements for a master's degree in city management at the University of Maine. This work included studies in highway engineering, highway construction, municipal finance, surveying, water supply and sanitary engineering.

Mr. Cushing then became assistant manager at Claremont, N. H., a city of 15,000, which had just adopted the manager plan. Here it was his job to prepare an administrative code which set the form of operation of the entire city government and which has been adopted as law in Claremont.

Mr. Cushing returned to the University of Maine where he taught government and personal management for two years becoming the first manager for Derry, N. H., in 1949.

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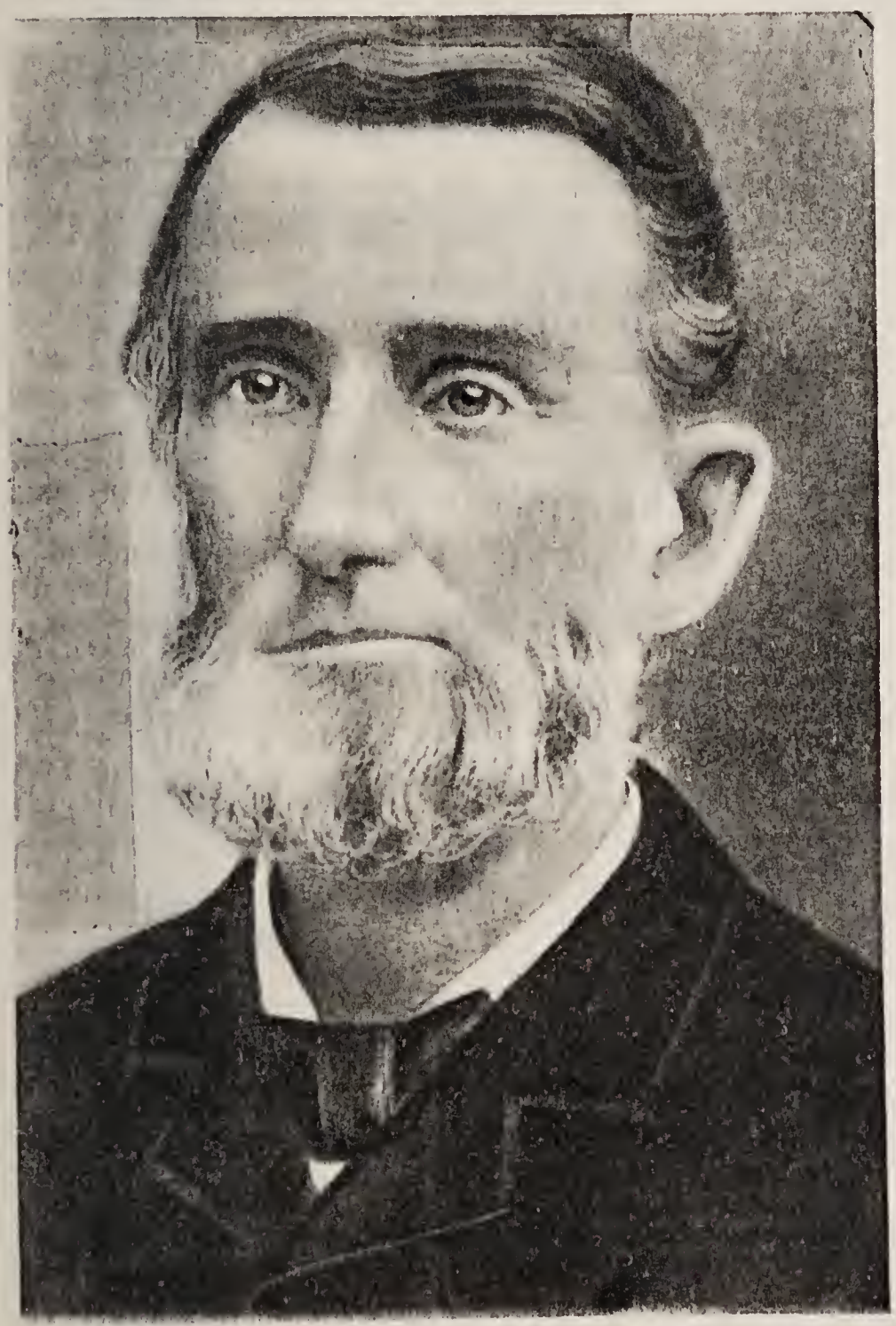

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Lars Nelson
57 High St.
N. Wilmington. Mass

Yes. that certainly is a picture of my father in the paper you sent me today. but I cant understand how Louis McMahon came to have it. When I broke up my home in 1950. I gave it to one of the Trustees to be put in the Library.

I haven't been in the Library since and I supposed it was there and I certainly cant see why it should be dedicated in memory of Louis McMahon when I gave it to the Library and I cant approve of it.

My father started the Library which was in one of the rooms in the back of the Town Hall and was Librarian and one of the Trustees as long as his health permitted.

years ago he was Town Treasurer and was also was also a member of the School Committee for several years and was always interested in Town and Government affairs

He started the Young Family Association and was Secy as long as he was able.

He is survived by one daughter, Mary G Swan who is now living in Woburn.

Mrs Nelson said you wanted a short biography but you dont have to print it.

Cordially

Mary G. Swan

5 Holden Place

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